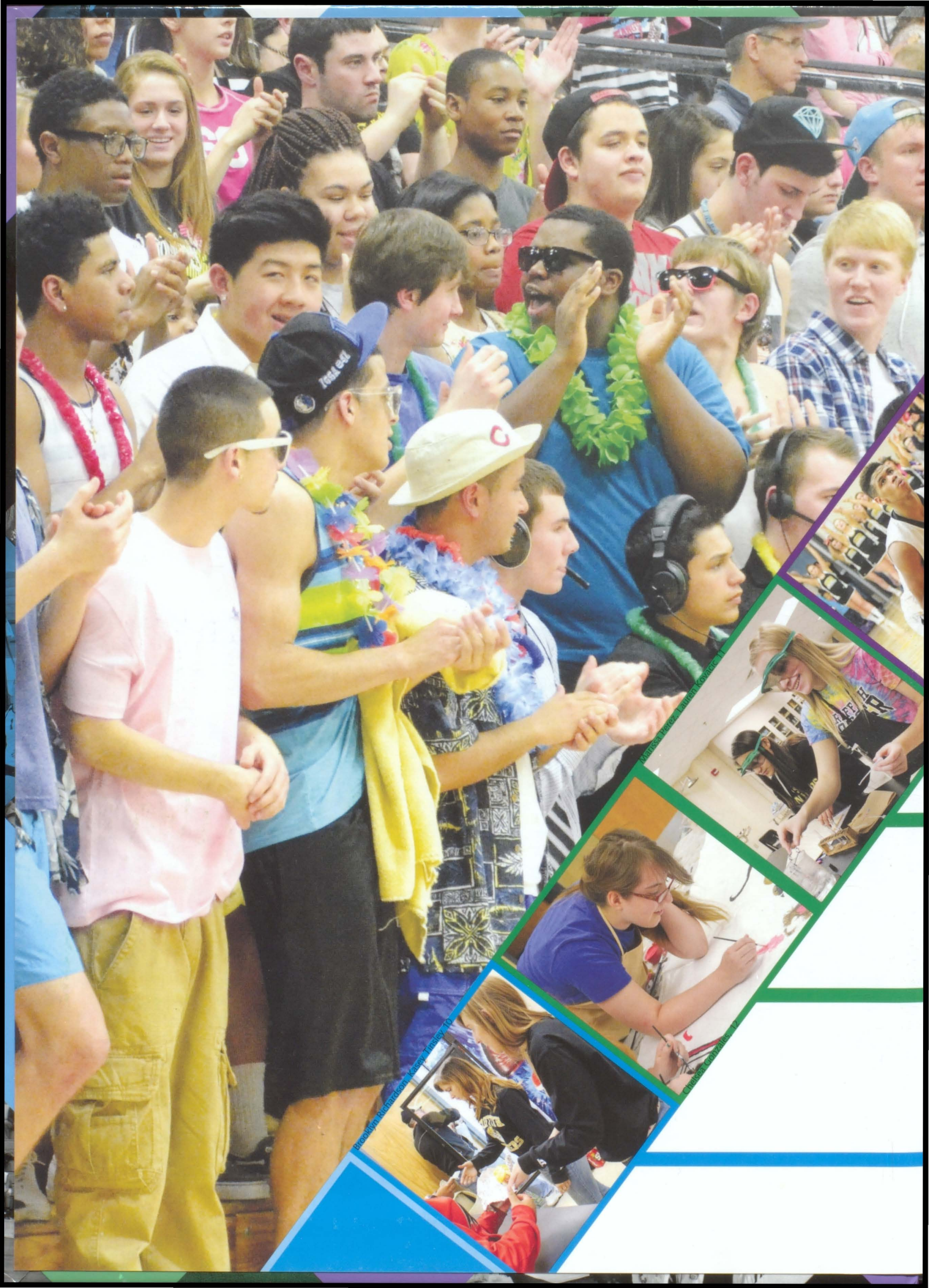




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As the hallways filled up with students for the first time since May, GHS began yet another school year that brought a great amount of positive change. August 21, 2014 marked the beginning of new experiences for freshmen, a step up in ranking for sophomores, countless, sleepless nights for juniors, and the beginning of "lasts" for the 2015 graduating class.

No matter the grade level, each year of high school brings new difficulties and responsibilities that require some guidance or advice in order to get through them. In our school, it was crucial for all students to stick together and provide help to one another whenever necessary. From tutoring after school, to having study groups at a friend's house, or simply answering a text asking a question about an assignment, it was almost effortless to be able to rely on fellow classmates. Not only did the student body come together as one in academics, they also grouped together during sporting events and other school functions, such as the pep rally or the homecoming dance. Student sections present at games for each sport demonstrated students' dedication and pride in their school throughout the year. In addition to a stronger sense of pride that flooded Griffith High School, many changes were made at the beginning of the year to improve the school and give a better experience to both students and faculty. In terms of improvements, Griffith principal Brian Orkis, with the help of new assistant principal, Delincia Smith, satisfied the wishes of many students by allowing the pep rally and late start Tuesdays to make an appearance in the schedule this year. Instead of leaving the main gym empty and having to attend the homecoming game without getting pumped up, the bleachers were packed and every high school student's eyes were focused on the dance-off, tug-of-war, and performances from the cheerleaders and pantherettes.

Along with bringing back old aspects of GHS, new rules were also introduced. The "no hoodie" rule was obliterated for the 2014-2015 school year, which many began to follow without hesitation. The rule concerning cell phones was also revised and served as a benefit to the students. Instead of surveying the cafeteria watching out for the administration and having to secretly send a text during lunch, phones were now permitted in the cafeteria, hallways, and even certain classrooms. Another significant change was the addition of lap tops to the math department, which provided a way for teachers and students to take a break from lectures and group work. "For my junior year, we only used computers for English class, so being able to use them in math will be beneficial for college courses," said senior Blair Morton.

The events that occurred throughout 2014 and 2015 added unique aspects to "OUR story" and defined what "OUR year" was all about. It is important to always remember the students and faculty associated with the school as "OUR guides to GHS."

OUR Spirit

Showing support for the Panthers at the Boneyard, senior Anwar Issa, along with the rest of the student section, ignores the rain and continues to cheer for the football team. "The best part about standing in the bleachers is being with the same people and always supporting the team, regardless of the score," said Issa.

Senior Student section

Pantherettes & Band

Daniel Walker, 11 & Emily Herron, 12

Bella Maglish, Isaiah Allen, Bridger Beck 10



Sophomores Natalie Halley and Christine Morikis go in for a group hug with junior Karli Taylor before their first football game of the season against Wheeler. "Natalie and Christine are two of my best friends on the team and whenever we're together we always have a good time," said Taylor.



OUR

Story

Students begin to file in the doors around 7:40 a.m. with phones to their noses and their coffees in hand. Everyone opens their locker, empties out their backpack, and puts their IDs around their necks to avoid getting any detentions from Mr. Gordon or Mrs. Smith. Every student attends their seven classes with the addition of the new 19 minute advocacy period. Most follow the day with some sort of after school practice or meeting. Other students rush to Bagger Daves in Schererville or Dairy Queen in Highland after school to be on time for work.

Throughout our time here at the "G" we all have different experiences. This was the year where rivalries between grades were put aside and we did activities together. This was the year where the juniors beat the seniors in the powder puff game and Josh Zoran busted out his craziest moves to win the dance off. Traditions changed this year with the annual senior prank allowing the seniors to come indoors. The seniors decorated the halls and brought in canned goods for donations.

The student body dressed their best to attend all the dances this year, and created memories to last them a lifetime. The loyal student section followed the basketball team for three months in the winter. They cheered the team on and created "ignorance" at every game. As Spring rolled around students lined up outside the doors to see our Drama Club's latest play, A Funny Thing On The Way To The Forum. Other students got out their Panther Passes to attend as many baseball games as they could before the season ended. The Griffith students carried their pride with them throughout the school year no matter what a scoreboard or a critic said.

The Pantherette team performed at half time during the football game to the song Bang Bang by Jessie J, Nicki Minaj, and Ariana Grande. "Football season is always my favorite to perform at, even though this whole season we either got rained on or froze out on the field. Even if the game wasn't always going the direction fans wanted, we always seemed to pump up the crowd," said sophomore Karol Ames.

Junior Brian Brzycki attempts to show Junior Jacob Adams a video game called Clash of Clans that he is playing on his phone. "Mrs. Pramuk was walking in and Brian always gets in trouble from her for being on his phone. Also, I had no interest in paying attention to him," said Adams.

Freshmen Christopher Mares and Kylie Maloney eat their lunches and finish homework during B Lunch before heading to class. "Christopher is one of my best friends and we sit together at lunch everyday. He always tells me some kind of joke to brighten up my day," said Maloney.



Changing it up

Mixing it up

This year at GHS, rules were brought back that had been taken away in the past. For years, students begged the administration to return hoodies. Some have written letters to the school board. "In class, I've written essays about my opinion on the hoodie rule," said senior Madison Lynch.

Along with hoodies coming back, we were also able to use cellphones during class with the teacher's permission. Cells phones were an easy way to look up information during class. Also, Reminder 101 was enforced. Reminder 101 was a new way for teachers to remind the students about assignments and tests through texts. "I would always forget about doing my homework and studying for tests before reminder 101. But now I feel more prepared since I got texts from my teachers," said junior Jacob Adams.

Additionally, a new class has been added to the schedule, advocacy. During this shortened period, students improved their English and math skills for 19 minutes a day, except on late start Tuesday. "I don't really like it, but it's helped a lot of people from what I've seen," said freshman Trinity Austin.

"Using your phone during class makes it easier to look up information for class and take pictures with friends," said junior Jordan Galindo. Galindo and fellow junior Arlyne Corona take selfies at the end of their English class with Janette Snelson.



Sophomores Jocelyn DeLeon, Josh Fowle, Collin McCampbell and, Kaelyn Price spend their lunch on their cell phones. "I love the new cell phone rule, I find it easier to look up information for my class work or to play games at lunch," said DeLeon.

On November 5th, students were startled by new tables in the cafeteria. "I feel like these tables are much easier to get into and I don't have to worry about not having space," said junior Kira Lisle. The new tables were placed in the cafeteria on November 4th.

New year, new changes

Along with every new school year comes new school changes. GHS improved the bone yard by designing a new field over the summer and making it turf. "I love the new turf, it's cleaner when it rains because it never gets muddy and it makes you run faster," said senior Ryan Kong. The new football field made the crowd excited for Friday night football games and gave a whole new look to Griffith's outdoor sports.

In addition to the turf, a new vice principal was added to the administration. Delincia Smith was the former business teacher in the high school and she developed a deep connection with those that she taught through the years. "Mrs. Smith always has a positive attitude and she makes the school have a nicer environment and that's always a really awesome thing to have at any school in general. I love seeing her around," said sophomore Brooklyn Richardson.



Another big change that took place in the school was a promotion to former business teacher, Delincia Smith. "Becoming the new vice principal has its challenges, but despite those, I really enjoy working with all the students here at GHS," said Smith.

Over the summer, GHS added a new turf football field to the list of changes. "The turf makes the football field easier to run on because your shoes have a better grip on the ground. It makes me feel like I won't fall as much," said senior Nick Mosqueda.



Homecoming

Spirit on full blast

Spirit week began with a bang starting with pajama day. Students filled the halls in their favorite footie pajamas. "I just rolled out of bed and came to school so that was awesome," said freshman Collin Meadows. Tuesday was decade day for most of the school, but the seniors decided to switch it up and have a gender swap day instead.

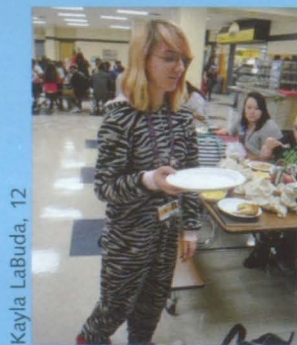
Tuesday night, Griffith's first powder puff football game took place on the turf. Senior Lauren Maynard presented the idea to Mr. Orkis. "I felt that having this game would bring the senior and junior class together," said Maynard.

The week continued on with assortments of outfits varying from poodle skirts to a giant chicken costume. Friday, during 8th period, all of the high school came together at the pep rally. "I'm glad we got a pep rally this year. It was awesome cheering with my class and watching the tug-of-war game between the teachers and senior class," said senior Alicia Baker. After the pep rally students prepared for the homecoming parade that took place at 4:30. Citizens watched from the street as cheerleaders, pantherettes, band, clubs and class council made their way down Broad St. to the school. "I loved being in the parade with art club. I was surrounded by all my friends while having an amazing time. I'm hoping for the same next year," said freshman Megan Wilson.

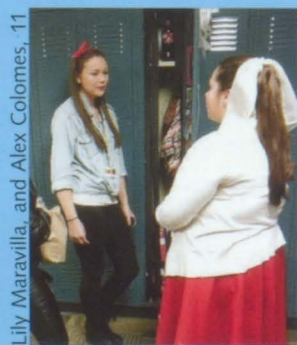
"Instead of decade day, the seniors did a gender swap, so I went as a flapper. I just loved all the attention and looks I got throughout the whole day, especially from the underclassmen that didn't know what was going on," said senior Kevin Wilson.



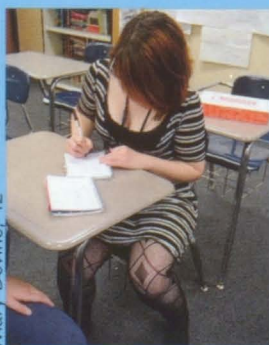
Spirit Week 2014



Pajama day



Decades day



Dress-up day



Mix and match day



Black and gold day

Seniors Julia Davies, Adrian Williams and Chelsea Gonzales set up red cups that spell out 'seniors' in the Willy Wonka hallway. "The prank was harmless and no one did anything stupid and I'm glad about that. I just wish the administrators kept it up longer," said Gonzales.



Preparing their float for the parade, sophomores Rachel Kruhaj and Evan Queen check out the hard work they've done on their float. "I thought our float looked amazing. We (sophomore class council) did a great job putting the float together," said Queen.

The excitement was overwhelming as seniors Celeste Villarruel and Becky Schnoor wait to play in Griffith High School's first powder puff game. "I didn't want to pass up the opportunity to play in our school's first powder puff football game," said Villarruel.

Battle at the boneyard

Griffith High School's football players went up against their rivals, the Highland Trojans. The stands were filled with fans adorning black and gold. "Despite the rain a lot of kids showed up and were so pumped up for the game," said senior Kaitlyn Edwards. The game began with the band accompanied by the Pantherettes and cheerleaders, welcoming the players on the field. By the first half of the game, the score was 7-21 with the Trojans in the lead.

Half time began with the announcement of homecoming queen and king. The crowns went to seniors Lawrence Mosely and Courtney Bell. The Pantherettes performed to the song "All About that Bass," which was the theme song for the homecoming dance. The band went on to give a special performance to "Thriller," putting down their instruments and dancing like zombies. "It was very awkward at first, but here the crowd cheering us on motivated us more," said senior Kayla LaBuda.

The game ended with a score of 34-21, the Trojans winning the game.

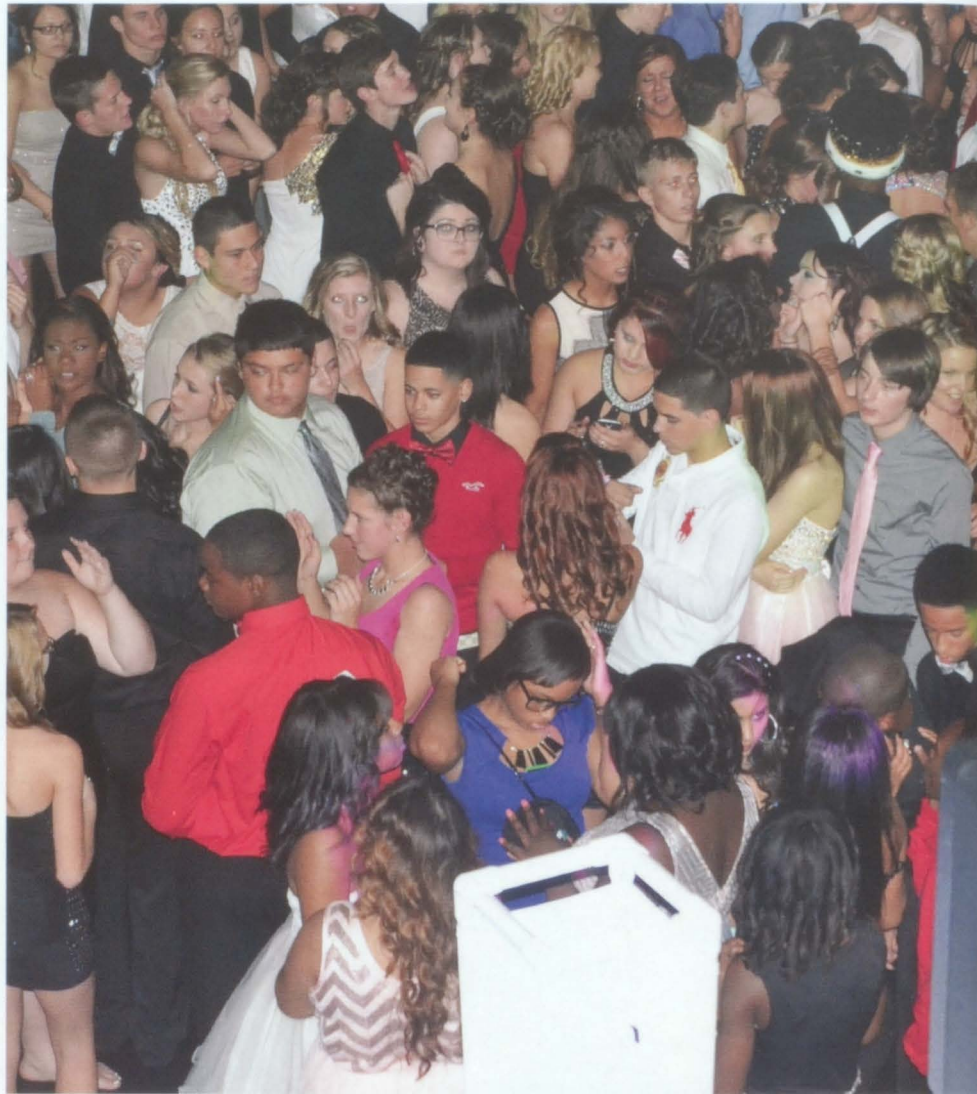
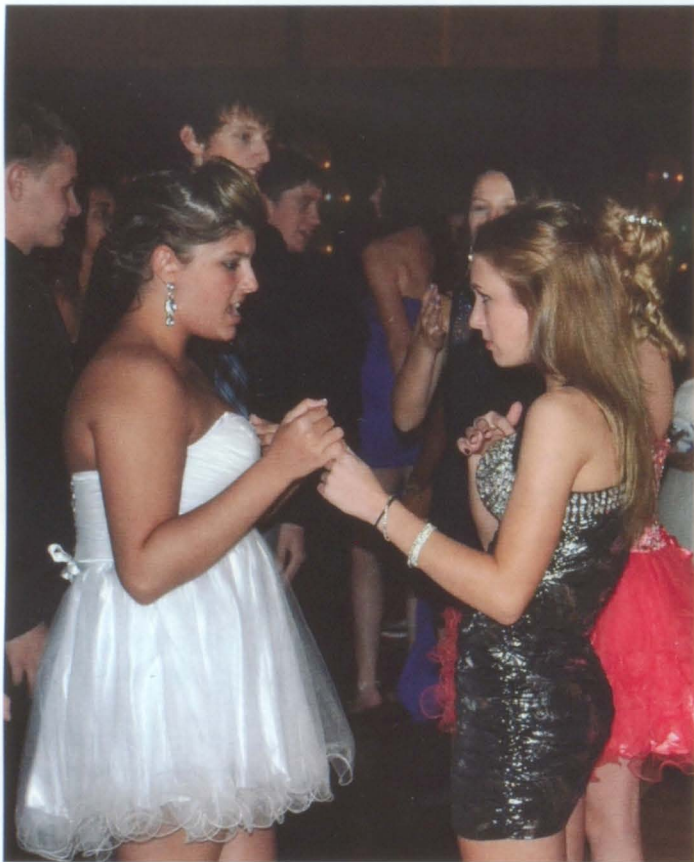


Pride fills the room during the pep rally as principal Brian Orkis gets the crowd pumped up. "This was by far the best pep rally I've ever been to. The dancers and cheerleaders were on point and the games were exciting to watch," said sophomore Kayla Schramm.

Homecoming 2014

On the dance floor each student waits for a better song selection to be played. Those who liked the music were dancing, but as for the rest they either boo'ed or chanted "change the song" to the DJ. "The dance was a blast except for the DJ not playing anything we suggested," said senior Rhiannon Kozy.

In between songs, freshman Trinity Austin pulls sophomore Christine Morikis aside to get another girl's opinion on how her dress was looking. "Christine and I have gotten close this year and I knew she'd be a good friend to go to," said Austin.



In the middle of the dance, a group of boys approached the DJ to try to persuade him to play better songs. "I kept hearing people ask him to play better songs but no one was doing anything about, it so my friends and I finally decided to go up to him and suggest songs," said sophomore Al Ervin.

Getting down to the songs, senior Kiki Dunn and sophomore Alyssa Skertich dance together on the dance floor. "I had an amazing time hanging out with my friends for their last homecoming. I wouldn't have wanted to spend it any other way," said Skertich.

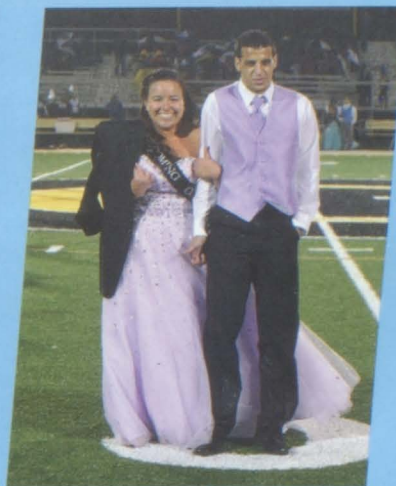




Elizabeth Morikis &
Lawrence Mosley



Savannah Gutierrez &
Nathan Szabo



Sarah Balboa &
Anwar Issa

Homecoming Court



Courtney Bell &
Robbie Hernandez

King & Queen

Friday, October 3rd was a clear night for the first half of the Homecoming game. Students and staff were riled up to find out who had won the 2014 Homecoming king and queen. As the court members approached their golf carts, a gentle rain started and alarmed the nominees. As each couple got ready to approach the field, the rain picked up and a down pour started. With the weather in the 50's, the rain was no help for each girl in her dress. Each couple waited with bated breath, until it was announced that seniors Lawrence Mosely and Courtney Bell won the title of king and queen of the 2014 Homecoming game. "The rain made it challenging for everyone, but in the end it was still a great experience," said Bell. With every girl and her partner drenched through their clothing, each of them were finally able to get out of their dresses and back into warm clothes. "Once it started to rain, none of us wanted to go out on the field, but since we had to we made the best of it, and were all happy for Courtney and Lawrence," said senior Sarah Balboa.



Emilie Martoccio &
Matthew Miller

If you **really** knew me



Covered with patches, junior Marissa Perez proudly wears her letterman jacket. "My first patch was for academics. I earned varsity patches for the sports I play: soccer, track, swimming. I also have a choir patch. I'm hoping to get a sectional soccer patch," said Perez.

Not everyone uses cups the same way. For example freshman Cameron Bobos stacks cups in competitions. "I've been stacking cups for a few years. I saw it on TV and decided to try it. I practiced and wasn't good at first. Now, I've been to tournaments in many different states. I have trophies and medals," said Bobos.



After school, senior Courtney Bell, gets into the car she worked quite hard for. "My parents made a deal with me my sophomore year that if I got straight A's that I could get any car I wanted. I got a car then ended up selling it to get my dream car, a Mustang," said Bell.



A long time passion of sophomore Chyna Rex is to hop on a horse and ride away. "I have been riding horses for five years. My aunt introduced me to riding at a young age and it was just a matter of time before I was finally able to ride on my own," said Rex.



Random Facts

"I'm in a band with a group of my friends. Not only writing my own songs, but also playing on my guitar. I really want to go into musical engineering. I'm passionate about music, I wouldn't be who I am without it, it really helps me vent and be myself."

Alex Garcia, 12



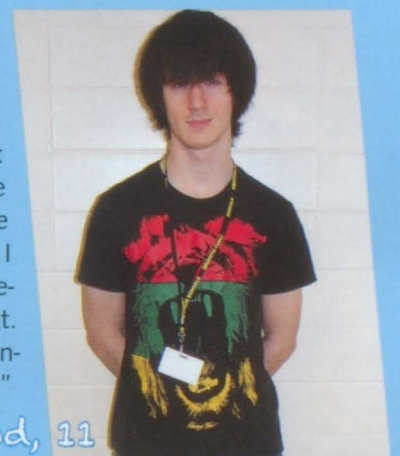
"I have a hobby of riding BMX and dirt bikes. I don't do it competitively, just for the rush of adrenaline I get from the jumps that I do. My older brother got me into the sport, and I've been doing it ever since. It's definitely a thrill for me."

Sam Dittrich, 10



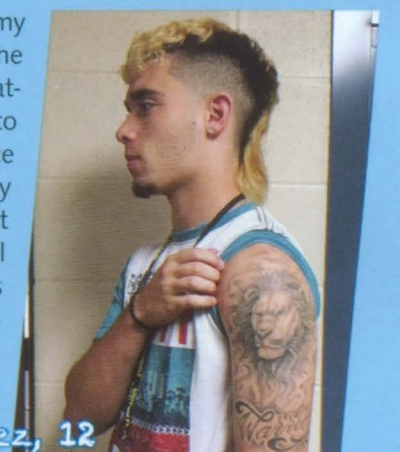
"I record myself playing in a video game. Then, I time it with songs I find. It makes the video game look like its playing the song. I saw someone do it online and I thought it was awesome so tried it out. It's a great way find interesting new songs."

David Dowd, 11



"I got a tattoo on my arm of a lion and the word warrior. My tattoo means a lot to me. I have had to face a lot of troubles in my life and had to fight through them all. I feel my tattoo describes me as a person, and everything that I've had to fight for."

Antonio Suarez, 12



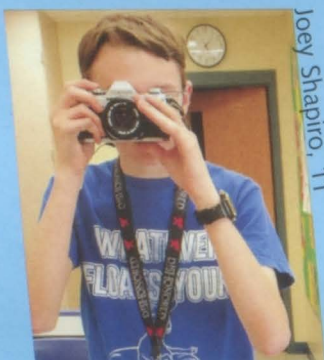
Then vs. Now



Then
Slide phones



Now
iPhone 6



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Then
Film cameras



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Then
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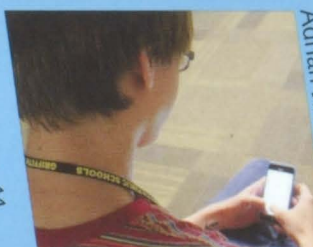
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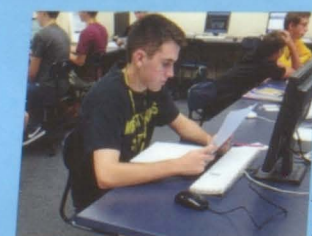
Taylor Kazmer, 11

Then
Myspace



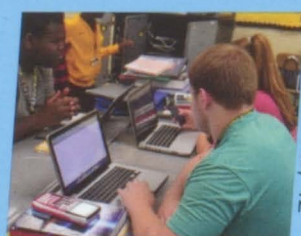
Adrian Jimenez, 12

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Twitter



Luke Pospychala, 10

Then
Computers



Adam Hoover, 12

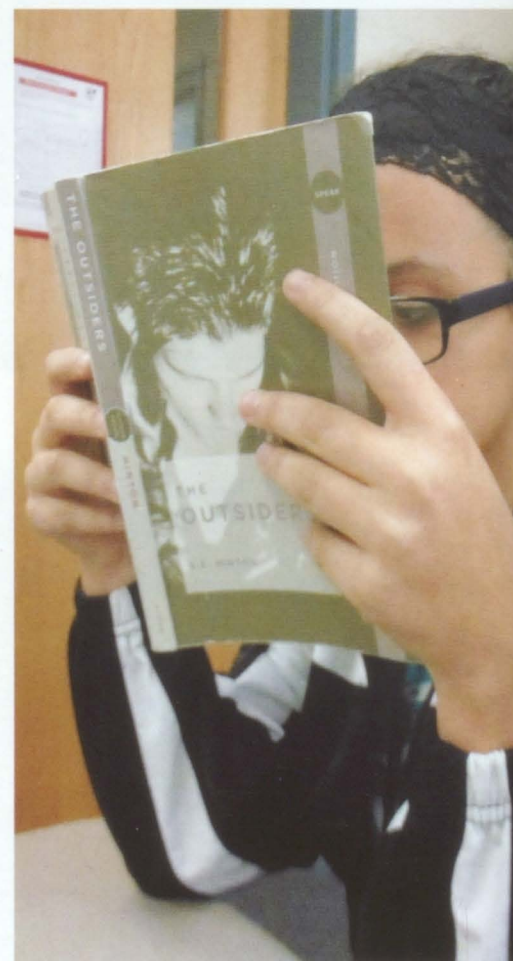
Now
Lap tops

Dressing up as one of her favorite superheroes, senior Kaitlyn Edwards took costume day as a chance to dress up as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. "I love the Ninja Turtles. They're bae, I mean they love pizza and so do I, but who doesn't love pizza?" said Edwards.

Holding a picture of herself when she was two, senior Elizabeth Morikis reminisces with her parents on her senior homecoming night. "Looking at that picture of me and me now, I've realized that I've changed a lot and I've made so many amazing memories since then," said Morikis.



Rereading a book that she read in eighth grade, junior Alex Longoria sits in class and enjoys *The Outsiders*. "It was one of my favorite books that I had to read for school I've read many more books since then, but it still remains one of my favorites," said Longoria.



Throwback and Transform

Reminiscing about old memories of when they were little, junior Stephanie Lockhart talks to her younger sister freshman Kaylyn Perez. "When we were younger, we used to go in the basement and make up dances to random songs that we heard," said Perez.

Back in time

Opening an old yearbook or photo album brings back a mixture of emotions. We reminisce on the happy moments that we had back in our glory days. As children, we spent our weekends waking up early to watch cartoons such as *PowerPuff Girls* or *Power Rangers*. Then our parents kicked us out of the house to play with the neighborhood kids. We all used to eat Wonder Balls as kids excited to see what type of candy would be inside. As we grew up and got out of the "cootie stage" and began our days at Griffith Middle School, we then realized our lives were beginning to change.

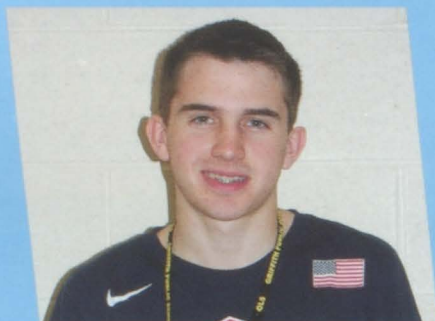
Being in middle school, we were all stuck between the stage of being a little kid and being a teenager. Some of us strayed away from our elementary school friends and found a whole new group that were exactly like us. We obsessed over who had the most paw tickets during the annual semester paw raffle. We gossiped at our favorite hang out spot in Central Park, where we would stay until the lights came on. "I will always remember spending most of my free time at Central Park watching the baseball games with my friends. We would all meet there and just hang out and goof off for hours, which we still do but now we just drive around for hours," said senior, Sarah Balboa. None of us realized that once we left middle school, our lives were due to change once again.

As we entered through the Wiggs Entrance on the first day of freshmen year, none of us realized that the next four years were going to be filled with events that would create endless memories. From going to our first Homecoming dance to cheering in the student section of a close basketball game, high school activities played a huge role during our career here at the "G". None of us will forget Mr. Gordon hunting us down to throw our drinks away and put our ID's on, or Officer Peter Ghrist picking on kids during our lunch hours. We'll remember Señor Ford shouting whenever someone knocks on his door or Ms. Berzy showing the creepiest documentaries to her world history classes. Griffith High gives us all different experiences throughout our time here, but we also all make memories as a whole. "Being a freshmen was very scary my first few weeks, but now I can't wait to see what the next four years will bring me," said freshman Laura Reid. We'll look back one day and remember that being a Panther was a great time in our life.



Freshman Clarissa Mosely brought in Hello Kitty cupcakes to enjoy with her friends during C lunch. "I've loved Hello Kitty since I was 5 years old when I started watching her movies. She's such a cute, little animal and I'll never stop liking her," said Mosely.

Lending a Hand



"Last summer I went to the Dominican Republic with my church. I visited some of the villages where I handed out food, water, and shared Gospel. My church does this every year and it helps me realize how lucky I am."

Luke Pospychala, 10



"I take care of 2-3 year old children once a month, clean, and cut wood for my church. I'm really passionate about volunteering because it makes me feel like I'm doing something important in my life."

Ali Schoon, 9



"My family and I volunteered to hand out waters to the Chicago Marathon runners. It was really interesting to see the variety of people who were running. I would definitely do this again because I love helping people."

Bridget Beck, 10

While others go home and relax, junior Katelyn Venice gets ready for work at KFC. "My job is easier with help from coworkers, but I still have to work hard to compromise between work and school. So far, I've managed to keep up with my grades and work," said Venice.



While smiling, senior Shania White prepares a soft served treat for the Dairy Queen drive thru. "I've been working at DQ for a little over a year, and I really like it. I've made amazing friendships with my coworkers and I have awesome managers," said White.



Working Routine

Wiping away, senior Emilie Martoccio is spending her time at EuroTan. "I sell tanning lotions, clean tanning beds, and help check people in. I wanted to find a job that I would enjoy, and since I love to go tanning, I figured EuroTan would be the perfect fit," said Martoccio.

Ups & Downs of Working

In high school, teens deal with many new experiences. For many students, this includes getting their first job. Having a job in high school can be a satisfying idea or an undesirable chore.

An advantage of having a job is that it teaches many skills that will be useful for the future. Having a job helps with time management, responsibility, and communication skills. Maintaining a job in high school, while being involved in other activities, looks good on a college application. The better experience teens have in working will help them find their future career. "A smile is one of the first things people notice about you, so over fall break I shadowed my mom who is a dental hygienist. I would like to be a dental hygienist because I want to help people feel better about their smile," said junior Sidney Hero.

Even though having a job has plenty of advantages, there are some disadvantages. When teens have a job, it may take away from their social life. Most teens that have part-time jobs work 15-30 hours weekly. This can cause stress, exhaustion, and can affect teens grades. "I don't think it's hard to balance my grades and work because my hours are set up for me to work less on the weekdays but more on the weekend," said sophomore Zac Hilgeman.

At Squigi's in Griffith, junior Tommy Biancardi takes out a pepperoni pizza. "I started working at Squigi's less than a month ago. This isn't one of the hardest jobs I've had, the hardest part of this job is remembering the prices of the food and the orders," said Biancardi.



Talent Show vs. Coffee Night

"I'm comfortable singing in front of people because I'm in chorale. Performing is exciting to me so singing and playing guitar at the coffee night was a great time for me. 'Iris' by the Goo Goo Dolls is one of my favorite songs so I had to make sure I could play and sing it just right for everyone."



Daniel Walker, 11



"I enjoyed the talent show the most because I'm not in any dance classes so I don't always get opportunities to dance for a large audience. The talent show was always a good experience and I will definitely miss participating in it next year. It was nice to place 3rd during my last year of high school."

Jessica Leslie, 12

"This year I participated in both coffee night and the talent show. I did enjoy singing with my girlfriend during coffee night, but I love how excited the audience gets when they watch me dance. I've been dancing for a couple years now and it makes me happy that my classmates get joy from my performances."



Jamie Thomas, 11

Making the most of their first year of high school, freshmen Breanne Shipp and Lily Desler sing "Say Something" in the auditorium during the talent show. "There were so many good acts in the talent show; I just hoped we would do well," said Shipp.



In the spot light

Griffith High School students took part in the annual coffee night on September 17, 2014. Since the weather was favorable, unlike previous years, the participants of coffee night were able to preform outside in the courtyard of the school. A stage, instruments, and microphones were set up so that the musicians of Griffith could show their skills.

"Though I didn't participate at coffee night, it was an enjoyable experience sitting in the crowd. I got to listen to friends and classmates singing some of my favorite songs," said junior Laura Slayton. Students warmed up their vocals by singing some of their favorite songs.

"It was a bittersweet moment because I was terrified to sing in front of the eyes of tons of people, but it was like breaking out of my shell. It was a huge accomplishment for me. I'm glad I got the guts to get up on that stage and sing," said junior Leandra Wimmer.

Singing, dancing, laughing, and clapping filled the auditorium on May 20, 2015 during the talent show put on by Griffith High School's student council. The contestants of the talent show had to audition and be approved by the student council sponsor, Jenna Berzy, and a the judges of the competition: junior Tommy Biancardi, and sophomores Bella Maglish, and Abbey Dobosz.

"It was really scary dancing with all the upperclassmen watching, but I'm happy that my friends and I took the chance and auditioned. I will definitely be trying out again the next few years," said freshman Amari Harris.

At her first coffee night, freshman Ali Schoon takes her seat at the piano. "It was pretty scary, but exciting at the same time. Playing the piano was my first performance, and it helped me relax for my duet with my friend Hannah Ramirez [9]," said Schoon.



Coffee Night and Talent Show



With the music turned up, freshman Collin Meadows and sophomore Hollie Witvoet sing a duet at coffee night. "Clean Bandit wrote the song 'No place I'd Rather Be' which is an upbeat song. We rehearsed a lot to get the song down, but it was worth the work," said Meadows.

In front of the crowd, seniors Cesar Rodriguez and Chelsea Waddell were named second and first place of the 2015 talent show. "I was so excited and sort of surprised I won. I was so nervous to dance in front of all the people," said Waddell.

Getting into the Student Spirit

"We were running out of ideas for a theme and we wanted to get out with a bang for the last home game. So, at the last minute, we planned to use white towels in the student section. It went pretty well considering the limited time we had planning it."

Nathan Szabo, 12



"I feel like student sections get the fans hyped for the game and the players feel just as excited. I love the creative themes that we do, like the beach theme for basketball. By far that was my favorite theme this year. It made the game more exciting."

Kody Hoese, 11



"Blackout is the theme we normally have for the first game of the football season. It's basically like a tradition to wear our school colors for the first game, which is mostly black with maybe a hint of gold. It really gets the fans into the Panther spirit."

Michael Hedrick, 11



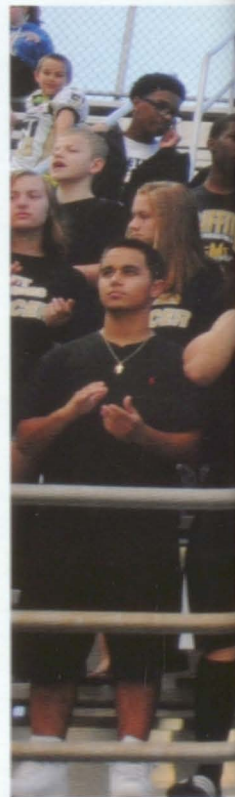
"For the football player's senior night, we decided to wear our senior class shirts to support the players. We wanted the players to have a special night. It was sad knowing it would be the last time they played on home ground, but we've made history here."

Josh Terzarial, 12

For the last home game, students decided to show their patriotic spirit by having an 'American' themed student section. "We wanted to do something unique for the last home game. Most of the student section went along with the theme so it was a good night," said senior Anwar Issa.



A crowd filled with cowboys and cowgirls, the student section did a western theme for the Griffith vs Lowell football game. "Football games are always fun and student section themes make them exciting. I love dressing up for games, it lets the student body bond at games," said sophomore Jer Reitz.



Panther Pride

The Griffith vs. Munster game had the biggest turnout of the season this year. "Munster is a big rival, so we had to bring our 'A-game' to make sure our players played their best. That night was great because we snapped Munster's winning streak," said junior Zach Thomas.

Getting into the spirit

One thing that Griffith was known for this year was the wild student sections that attended the games. Student sections pumped up the crowd and even the players. Of our many themes, some main themes at the games were: blackout, beach theme, and toga, followed by some new ones such as American theme and country theme. "We love coming up with new theme ideas. It gets the crowd pumped up for the game and it's fun to see everyone dressed up to the theme," said freshman Shawn Falstrom.

The seniors usually come up with the themes for the games. They typically decide on the theme through their graduating class senior page on Facebook. Then throughout the week before the game, word gets out around school so everyone can come dressed up according to the theme for the game. "We try very hard to come up with new theme ideas or with a theme that could correlate with the opponents of that game. It's really amusing trying to decide which theme to choose and it's exciting coming to the game and seeing everyone dressed up," said senior Rodolfo Quintanilla.

Whether it was a small or big game, the Griffith panthers were always filling up the stands, experiencing the suspense and emotion that came with each game. No matter what the score was, the student section was always cheering for our team.

"The themes for games really bring the student body together, it lets everybody get together and have fun dressing up and supporting our team," said senior Alexander Kepchar. This football game's theme was blackout: the entire student section dressed in black, some even painted their faces.

The boys basketball team has a Christmas themed student section every year. This year's Christmas theme was during the 21st Century game. "It was fun getting in the Christmas spirit during the game. Some of us dressed up as elves or we just wore Santa hats," said senior Justin Villalobos.



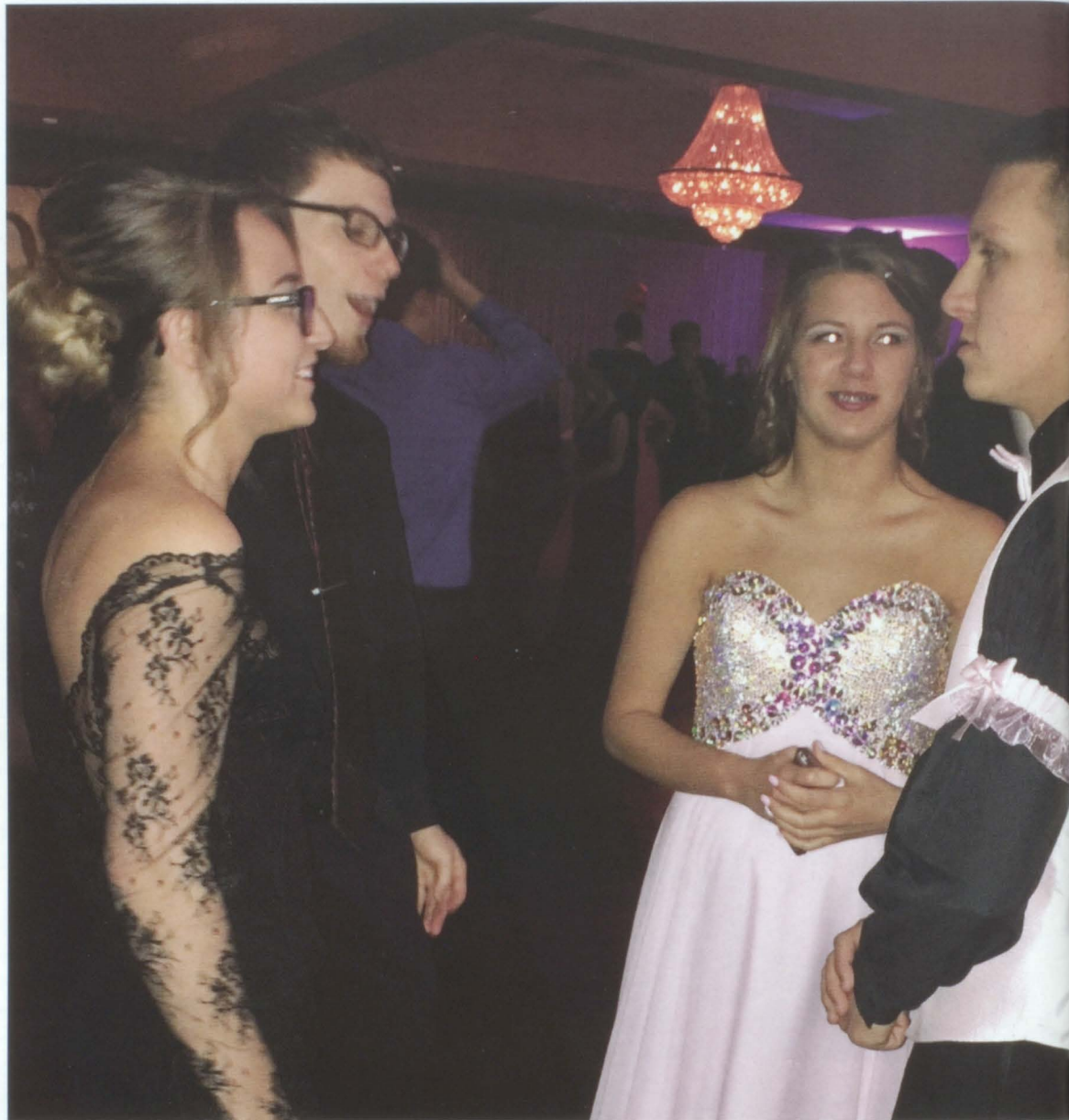
Turnabout

Prepped and ready

A lot of preparation goes into any high school dance. During the winter months, however, more work goes into getting ready because the dances are more formal. When it comes to homecoming, no date is needed, so that means people don't have to think of a cute, unique way to ask someone. Turnabout is the dance where the girl asks the guy, and they have to look for creative ways to ask the guy. Freshman Alexis Gardner asked one of her best friends to turnabout using the hit Disney movie *Frozen*. "The first time we ever watched *Frozen* was together and I bought a bunch of Olaf stuff to ask him," said Gardner.

For girls, the preparation for turnabout and any other dance consists of finding the perfect dress months in advance, searching for shoes and jewelry, and then making hair and nail appointments. Some girls also decide to go tanning when the month of January starts or get a spray tan a few days before the dance. "I decided to get a spray tan this year because tan skin better complemented my turnabout dress," said junior Jillian Beaupain.

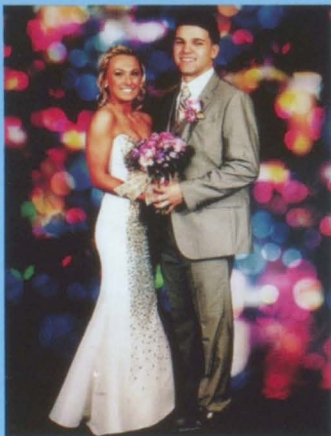
While chatting in their group, seniors Meghan Geary, Savannah Slaven and junior Logan Perry discuss their plans for the night after the dance ends. "Being able to go to the dance with my girlfriend this year was amazing. I had a great time with her and our group," said Perry.



Dance Preparation

"I start by getting a dress. I bought from someone else this year and then got it altered to fit me right. I always make my hair and makeup appointments a few weeks ahead to make sure I get who I want. I also start going tanning in the beginning of January to make sure I look nice and tan in my dress. My favorite part has to be when everything is done and I'm ready to go."

Caroline Loughren, 11



"Getting ready for this year's turnabout wasn't as stressful for me as it was for Caroline. I had to rent a tux that matched her dress and get a tie. Other than that, I had to pick up the flowers and get a haircut to get ready. It's always cool to leave school a few hours early though. It gives me time to relax before the dance and to get some last minute things done."

Anthony Quintero, 11





During their first Turnabout dance, freshmen Haley Gearhart and Kaylyn Perez talk to their friends about it. "My first turnabout was amazing. I had such a great time with all of my friends. I'm so glad that I went this year because now I know what to expect," said Gearhart.

At the dance, seniors Kiki Dunn and Adrian Jimenez reminisce on memories of their year old friendship. "Being able to be in the same group as one of my best friends and all of my other friends was great because I got to make even more memories," said Jimenez.



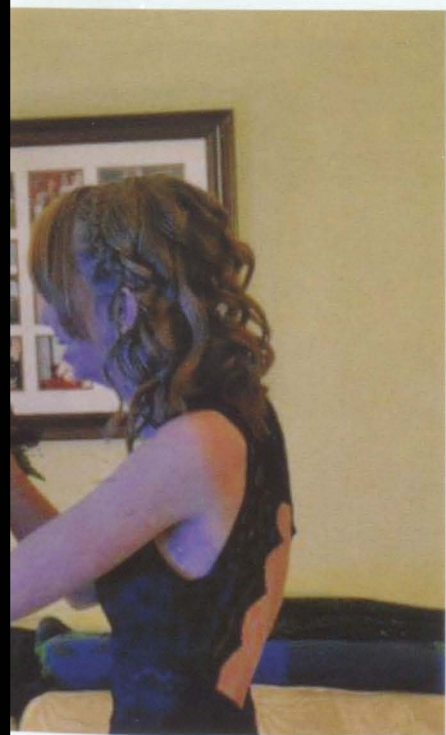
Pinning the corsage on her date, sophomore Max Carroll talks about their new friendship. "Connor and I became friends earlier this year and that's why I asked him. I wanted to have a good time with someone that I was comfortable with," said Carroll.

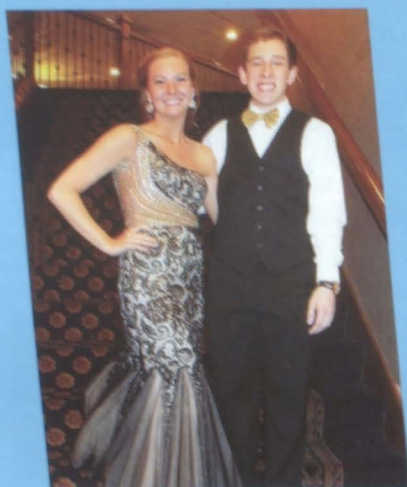
The big day

The day of the dance is often one of the most excruciating school days of the year. Many people are anxious for the dance and excited to leave early on that day. Students are allowed to get out of school after their sixth hour class to begin getting ready. This year, a fire alarm went off just minutes before the students were allowed to leave. The fire alarm went off due to painting being done in the field house. After that, everyone rushed out of the school for the nights exciting events.

Many people went out to eat after school and before any appointments. After that, it was on to the hair and makeup appointments. Getting hair and makeup done can take up a couple hours and people made their appointments as much as a month in advance.

After all the preparations, the groups gathered together to take pictures at one another's house. A lot of people rented party buses or limos that took them to the dance and then to wherever they go after the dance.

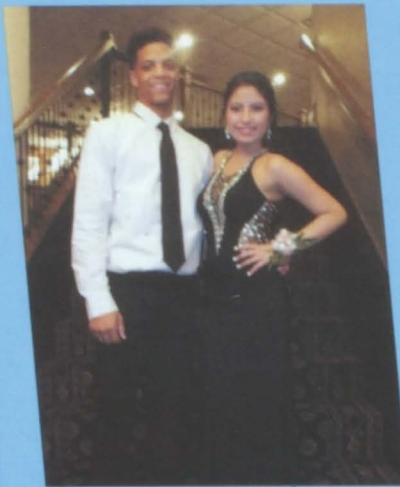




Dana Jelenski &
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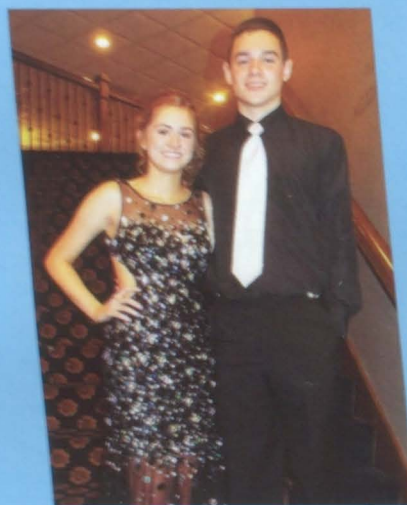


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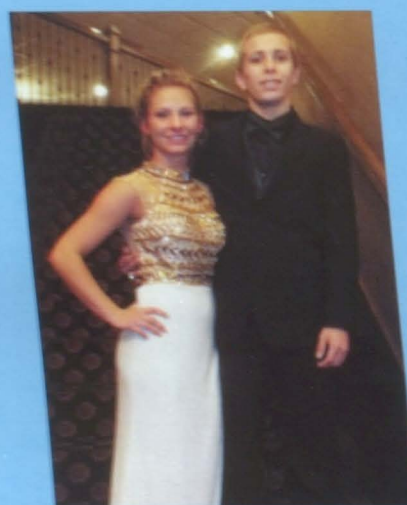


Al Ervin &
Karol Ames

Turnabout Court



Breanna Hamilton &
Joey Martoccio



Megan Miller &
Jeremiah Reitz

Prince & Princess

On Friday January 30th, the boys and girls of the sophomore class left school early and excitingly got ready to show off months of hard work planning turnabout. Not only were they excited to show off their dresses, they were also anxious to find out who would be crowned turnabout prince and princess. "I was happy enough to get voted onto court, so I'd be happy with whoever won princess because we all had a good chance of winning," said sophomore Rachel Kruhaj.

In the middle of the dance, the DJ stopped the music to finally announce who had won. Nervously walking down the stairs, each couple's name was announced and the crowd cheered for all of them. "It was exciting to be in front of everyone being announced because it built up the anticipation for who would be crowned prince and princess," said sophomore Megan Miller.

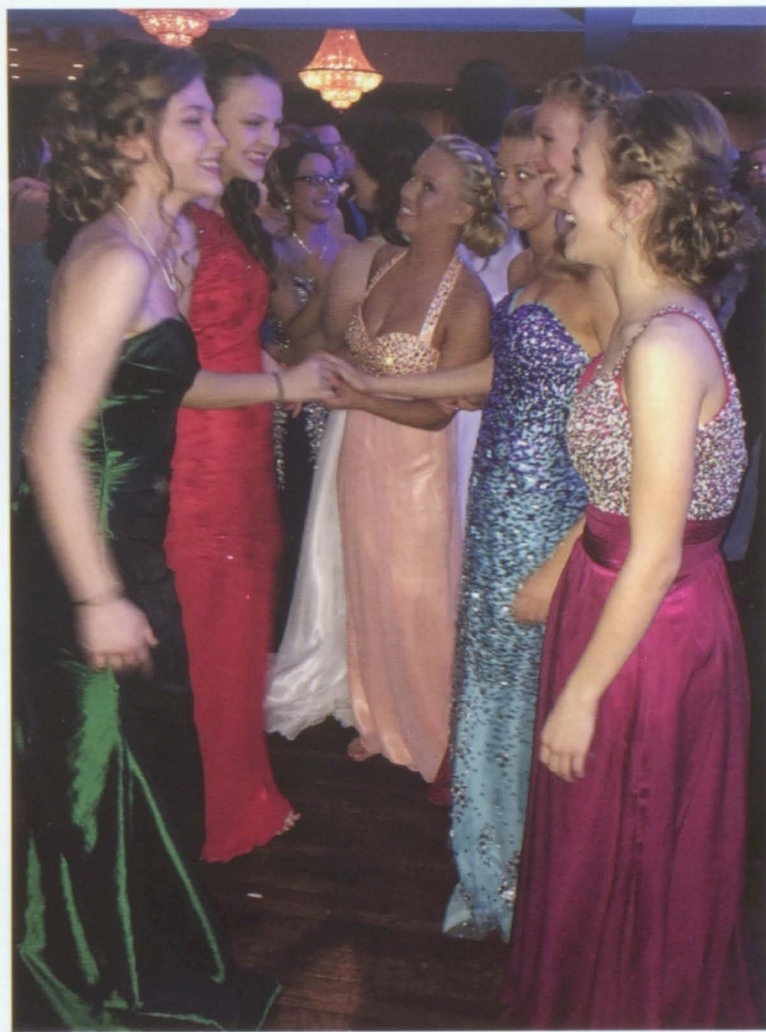
As each couple stood together the DJ finally announced that the 2015 turnabout prince was Joey Martoccio, and the princess was Dana Jelenski. "I was excited about winning and happy for Dana for winning," said Joey Martoccio.



Turnabout 2015

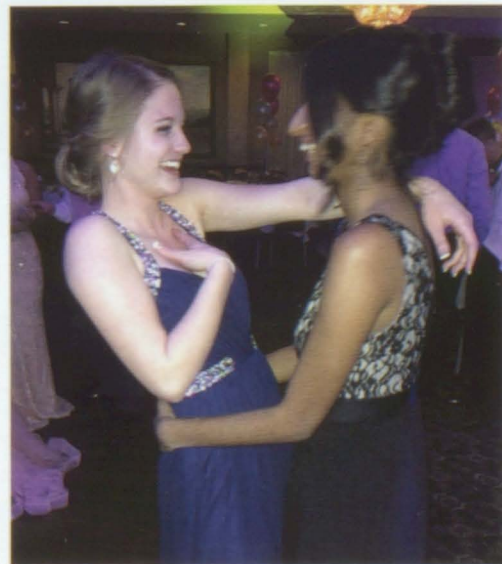
In between songs sophomores Hector Vega, Al Ervin, CJ Hampton, and Norberto Nunez crowd with freshmen Tayvien Walker and get ready for the next song to play. "I had a blast hanging out with all of my friends and dancing to all of the songs. Every dance with them is memorable," said Vega.

Before the dance began, freshmen Trinity Austin, Skylar Davenport, Morgan Ladendorf, Kacie Kruhaj, and Leah Dye get some laughs in before they put their dancing shoes on. "It was a blast spending my first turnabout with my friends. I can't wait for next year," said Dye.



Deciding to not stay on the side for the slow dances, seniors Becky Schnoor and Celeste Villarruel keep each other company during the slow dances. "Every turnabout Becky and I always make sure we dance with each other during slow songs. It's our tradition," said Villarruel.

After getting crowned 2015 turnabout prince, last year's princess Lauren Vieyra congratulates Joey Martoccio with a hug. "It was exciting crowning Joey because it's an overall good experience to be on court and it can be nerve-racking so I know how he felt," said Vieyra.



Pop Culture/Current Events



After being suspended due to a fight against Hammond High, some of the boys basketball team decided to spend their time productively. "We spent one of our days out of school at the YMCA playing ball with little kids," said junior Kelston Haden.



Keeping Up With January Dates



January 23, 2015

"I honestly didn't like the change, of the final schedule. I had to study over break and it was hard to stay focused. I hope next year finals are before break."

Andrew Vera, 11



January 7-9, 2015

"It's nice having days off of school because of snow to spend time with friends and hang out with family or friends, but having to make up the days isn't good."

Daniel Uylaki, 10

January 26, 2015

"It's easy to give blood, even if it doesn't really seem like it before you give it away. I'm glad I gave blood though, because it benefits someone else."

Chelsea Gonzales, 12



January 16, 2015

"Me and my sister Kristi (Grumbles, 12) do a lot of stuff together, so this was no sweat. Plus, I enjoy learning about history and how it affects us today."

Kassidy Grumbles, 12



Starting off the day in Marilyn Brunk's first hour intro to computer science class, freshman Rafael Valencia works on a complicated project. "I had to program the spiro to go through a maze that the class designed. This is definitely my favorite class because I enjoy the work that we do," said Valencia.

World Events



"In February 2015, the 48th Super Bowl took place. I was rooting for the Seahawks to win the Superbowl. They made some mistakes in the game and it cost them the game, but they are still my team and I will continue to be a fan."

Christian Rivera, 9

"The making of the movie of the *Interview* caused a lot of controversy with the United States and North Korea due to its offensive references. In my opinion, I believed that it was good for my humor, but bad for the country."

Zach Thomas, 11



"Fortunately at the start of the 2015 year, after a long period of tension and disagreement, the United States and Cuba made amends. I think it's good that our country was able to resolve foreign issues without starting a war."

Alexis Gonzalez, 10

"In the summer of 2014, the World Cup began. The World Cup games took up most of my summer. It was really exciting to watch, as it always is. I was unhappy about the results but it was still a good time watching it. #NOERAPENAL."

Daniella Ayala, 11



"The news of Robin Williams's death broke many hearts in 2014. Robin was always the funny man. When I heard the news of his death I was shocked. Its hard to beleive, but sometimes the people who smile the most are in the most pain."

Jennise Rivera, 12



Before school, senior Meghan Geary makes an effort to trudge through the snow to get into the building. "It's not really something I could avoid. There was just so much snow it was like a mini mountain. I was be happy when it all melted," said Geary.

Performing at Mojoes in Joliet, Illinois, junior Tim Cichon and his band do what they do best. "It's not scary anymore since we have played about 20 shows since we started in 2014. I imagine myself going a lot farther in music," said Cichon.



Awareness



In beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, an "Ice Bucket Challenge" to raise awareness for ALS disease was becoming a trend all over the world. The AP psychology students participated in this trend. "I know the Ice challenge was for awareness of a disease, but it was awesome throwing water on our teacher, Ms. Berzy," said junior Kassie Cortez.

Student Council organized a food drive for a local food bank, and to get students motivated, a pizza party was given to the class that donated the most canned goods. "Mrs. Diekelmaan and Ms. Madison's Life Skills class won," said sophomore Bella Maglish.

As tribute to their guardian angel and former coach, Teri Calhoun, the pantherettes incorporated her initials into a dance at the home football game against Bowman Academy. "I love that I can still support and cherish her life," said freshman Morgan Ladendorf.



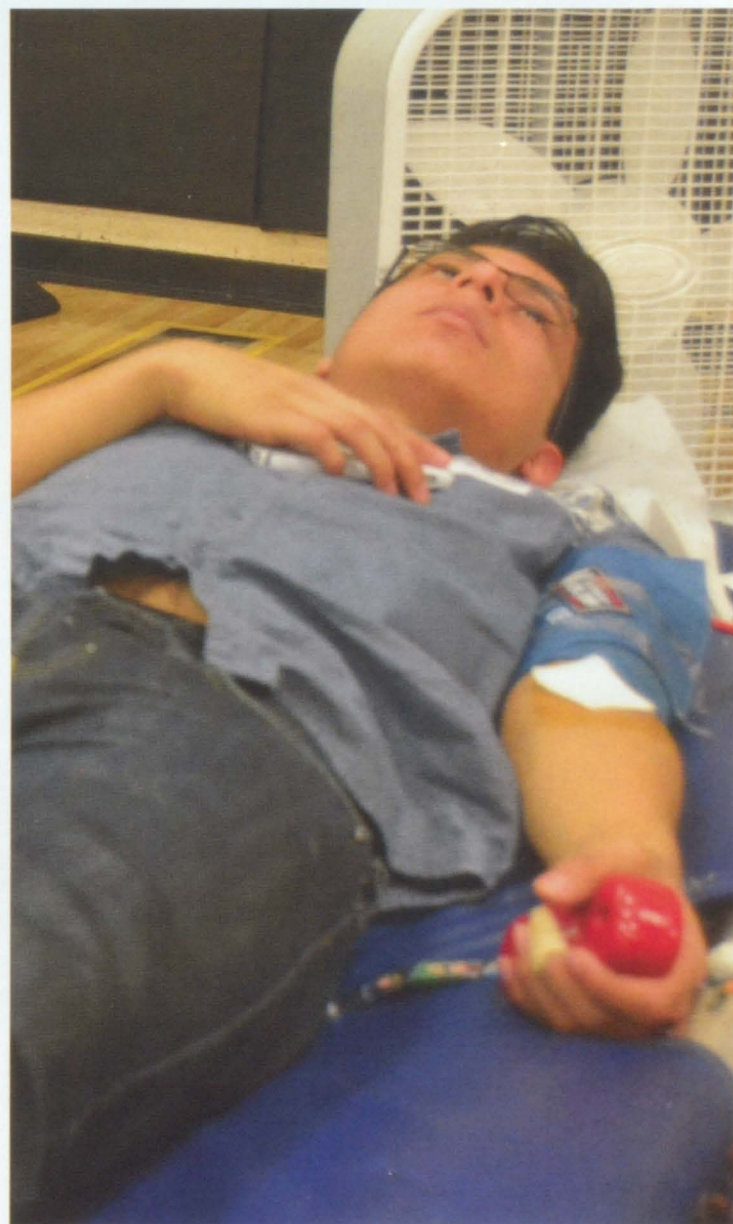
Alex Soy, 11

One day while scrolling along on the new page on Facebook, junior Alexandra Soy came across a story that truly touched her heart. A six year-old girl named Addie Fausett suffered a cerebral atrophy and feared the Christmas for 2014 would be her last. She said her wish was to receive holiday cards. "It melted my heart, and I really wanted to help this girl. I wanted to do a little part in making her Christmas season special, so instead of sending one little card I bought 40 cards and signed a few myself. I also got my friends and family included by having them fill out some cards. It was humbling and it felt great doing something for someone I knew would appreciate it," said Soy.



In January, on the Monday after finals, the Student Council members sponsored a blood drive that took place in the main gym. "I think it's a really nice thought to give blood because they say that you could be saving three lives with every donation," said senior Cesar Rodriguez.

Raising money for a good cause to help support premature infants, FCCLA sold pumpkin shaped papers to the students and staff of Griffith High School. "The pumpkin was only a dollar but it still feels good to give to people that need help," said junior Giovanni Posley.



Fashion and Trends

Hooray for Hoodies



"I love the new hoodie rule because now so many students aren't getting in trouble for their hoodies by their teachers. Also, the school can be super cold and wearing a hoodie over your shirt will keep you warm through the day."

Amere Williams, 10

"I was so excited to finally be able to wear a hoodie to class at the beginning of the new school year. They're so comfy and convenient. If I wake up a little late for school then I can throw a hoodie on and look presentable."

Storm Fleming, 9

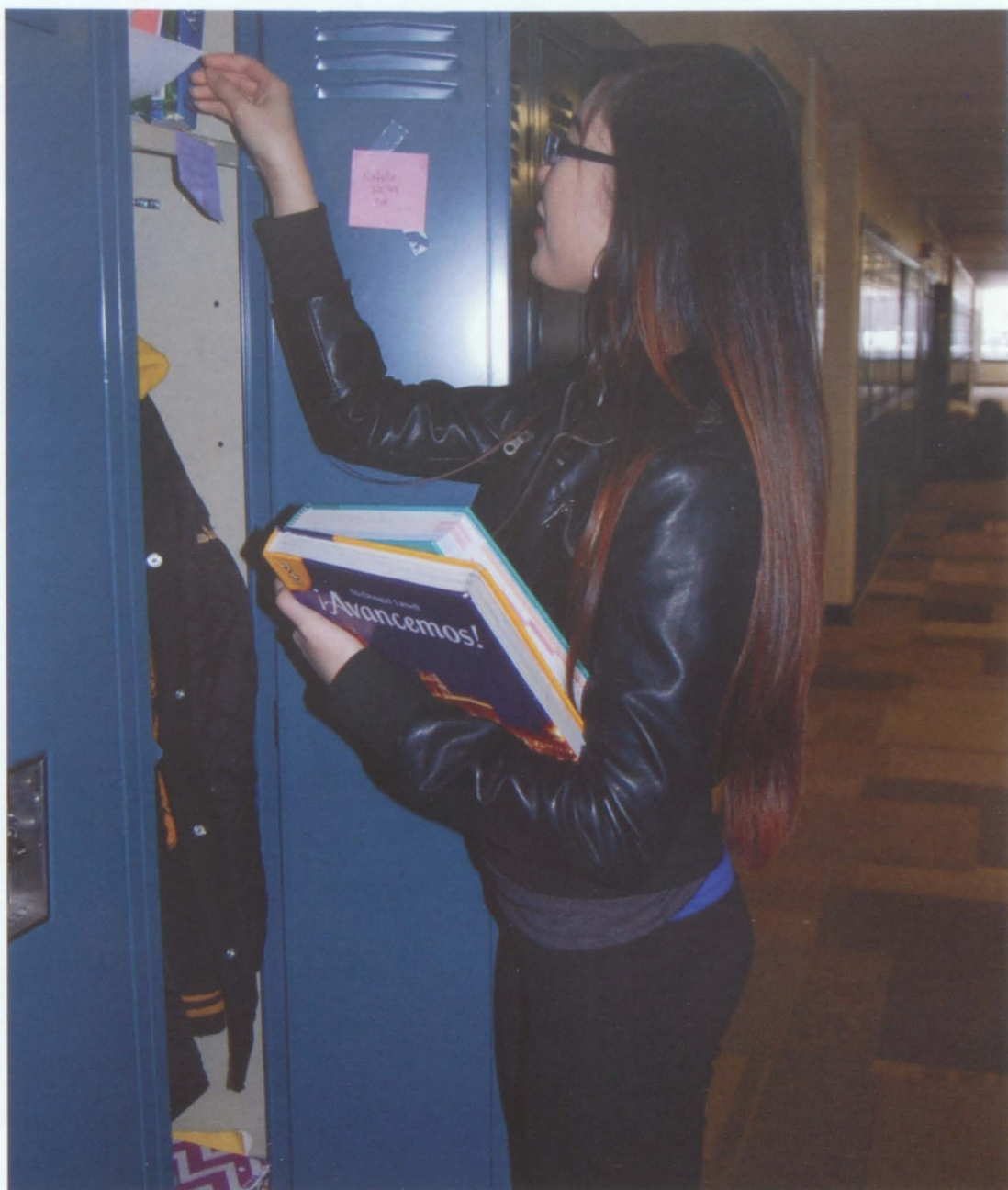


Sporting a baja hoodie, junior Jake Kamaski grabs a drink at lunch. "I dress the way I do because I like to be original and stand out. All of my clothes are different, and I like to change things up in my wardrobe. You can always find me dressed to impress," said Kamaski.

At lunch, senior Kaitlynn Mang talks to her friends about their plans for the weekend. "I like dressing up for school. When I look nice I feel confident and I tend to smile more. I feel happier. I also like to look good for other people too," said Mang.



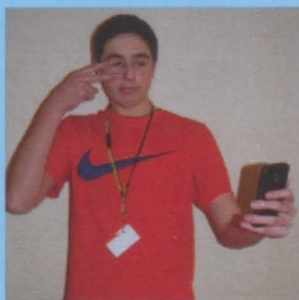
Looking trendy in all black, senior Sam Hom looks through her locker for her homework. "I like to look presentable for myself, not for others. When I look good, I feel good, and I feel better about myself. That makes me want to do better in school," said Hom.



Between classes, junior Anthony Quintero pauses in the hall to tie his Timberlands. "I always try to look nice whenever I go anywhere. I don't want to look bad, and I want it to look like I hold myself to a high standard with the way I dress," said Quintero.



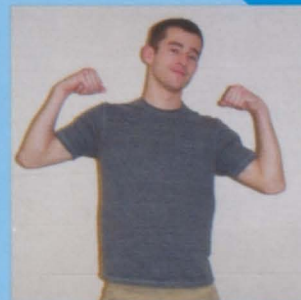
Phone Fanatics



Zac Hilgeman, 10

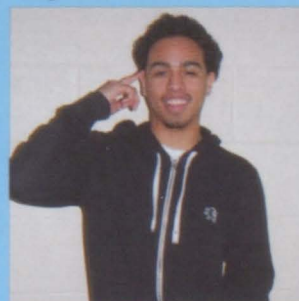
"The Snapchat app is definitely one of my favorites on my phone. I love staying connected with people and sending them pictures. It's also convenient that the pictures go away in seconds."

"I find testing myself really fun, so I am constantly playing Trivia Crack. It's really addictive so I can play for a long time and not even notice. I am, of course, King Zeek, the king of Trivia Crack."



Blake Megquier, 11

"Whenever I'm bored, I find myself playing Fun Run 2. It gives me something to do and it's very entertaining. I like to play with my friends and compete against them for first place. I always win."



Isaiah Martinez, 11

Out of Towners

"For summer vacation I usually go out of town to Warsaw, Indiana and stay at my lake house for about two to three weeks. I love getting away from Griffith for a little bit and hang out with my family relaxing on the lake."

Gabby Hamm, 10



"During winter break, I went to London, Amsterdam with my family. Going there was such an amazing experience. I had a blast while I was in Amsterdam; my favorite memory was sitting on the bench that was in the movie *The Fault In Our Stars*."

Adam Hoover, 12

"For spring break I'm going down south to my hometown with my family. I've lived in southern Indiana my whole life, and I'm going back to go see all my childhood friends. I'm looking forward to catching up with everybody."

Samuel Renton, 11



Enlightened by her smooch, junior Taporina Brown reads the special message. "I love Valentine's Day. It's one of my favorite holidays. Smooches are a cute way to send your friends messages. I love them because every smooch has a different meaning," says Brown.



Showing his holiday spirit, junior Adrian Lopez focuses on playing Jenga. "During Christmas I get so into the season. My favorite thing about Christmas is spending time with my family and opening presents on Christmas morning," said Lopez.



Holidays and Breaks



While passing out smooches to his eighth hour class, Ryan Stablein, credit recovery, peeks at a few of them. "Being a teacher and getting to see what everyone writes can be very interesting because they are either very sincere or very inappropriate," said Stablein

Talking about their day, sophomores Max Carroll and Alexis Ingl show their holiday spirit by dressing up for St. Patrick's Day. "Dressing up on a holiday is a must for me. I have so much fun during holidays that I can't even decide what holiday is my favorite," said Carroll.

In Towners



"During spring break I stayed home and hung out with my friends, played basketball, and laid around the house. I'd rather stay home and be around my friends then go out of town because I have more things to do."

Ali Mróueh, 11

"I usually stay home for breaks and hangout with my friends. Our favorite thing to do is watch movies. If we wanted, to we could sit on the couch all day, watch as many movies as we can and eat snacks."

Emily Pawlicki, 10





During the crowning of prom king and queen, juniors Eva Solis and Daniella Ayala chat at their table to take a break from dancing. "I was exhausted from dancing so I sat down during the crowning to take a break. It was relaxing to be able to rest for a little," said Solis.

The dance floor began to get crowded with eager dancers soon after dinner was served. "Prom was really exciting. All the time I spent on it was definitely worth it. I had a blast spending my last prom with my boyfriend," said senior Christy Slagle.



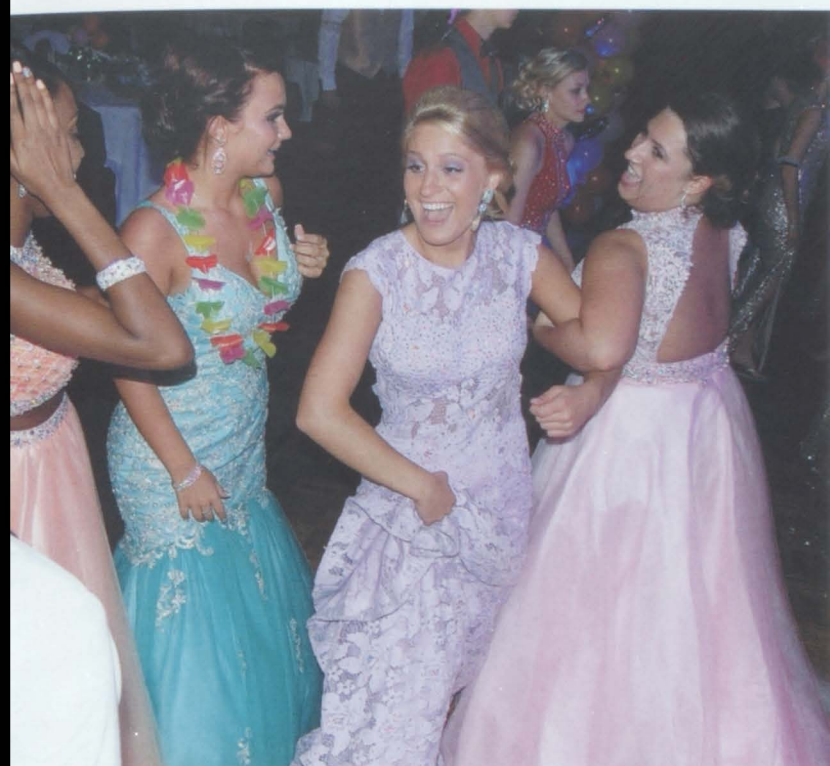
Prom 2015

An escape to paradise

An event that nearly all students look forward to, prom rolled around sooner than everyone thought. Prom took place on Friday, May 1st from 7 P.M. until midnight at Halls of St. George in Schererville. This year's prom theme was "Escape to Paradise" and the crowning song was "I Won't Give You Up" by Jason Mraz. Camera hours were from 6:30PM to 8PM followed by dinner served at 8:15PM. This years prom court for the girls was Lauren Vieyra, Stephanie Cordova, Camryn Linders, Victoria Holtzer, and Lily Maravilla. The boys who made court were Adrian Lopez, Anthony Murphy, Tremell Murphy, Greg Copp and Anthony Quintero. This years prom queen was Stephanie Cordova and prom king was Adrian Lopez.

"Winning prom king felt exciting, but also nerve racking since everyone's attention was on me, but for the most part it was a great night spent with all my friends," said Lopez.

Seniors Elizabeth Morikis and Emilie Martoccio link arms and dance away to the song "Cotton Eyed Joe" by Rednex. "I'm glad I was able to spend my last prom with my best friends. It was an unforgettable night and I had a blast" said Martoccio.



Dancing away to "I Won't Give Up On You" by Jason Mraz, this years prom royalty was juniors Stephaine Cordova and Adrian Lopez. "I'm honored to have won prom queen this year. It was a great experience, and I'm glad I shared it with Adrian," said Cordova.

Best of Promposals 2015

"I planned to ask my date to prom during Easter weekend. I thought it would be really clever to dress up as the Easter bunny and deliver Easter eggs to her house with each egg spelling out "PROM?". Besides the fact that my costume was a little creepy, my promposal went just as I expected it to go and my date said yes."

Zach Thomas, 11



"I wanted to make sure that my promposal was extra sweet and special, so the way I asked my date was by getting a few cupcakes from the pastry store, sprinkles, and made a poster that said 'It would be really sweet if you went to prom with me.' My date loved the way I asked her and ended up saying yes."

Nathan Szabo, 12

"Since my girlfriend and I are both in drama, I thought it would be really cool to do a theatre themed promposal. The day after the school's play, I went up to my girlfriend with a canvas painted like a director's cutboard and a box of theatre candy. It was a little last minute, but overall my promposal turned out great."

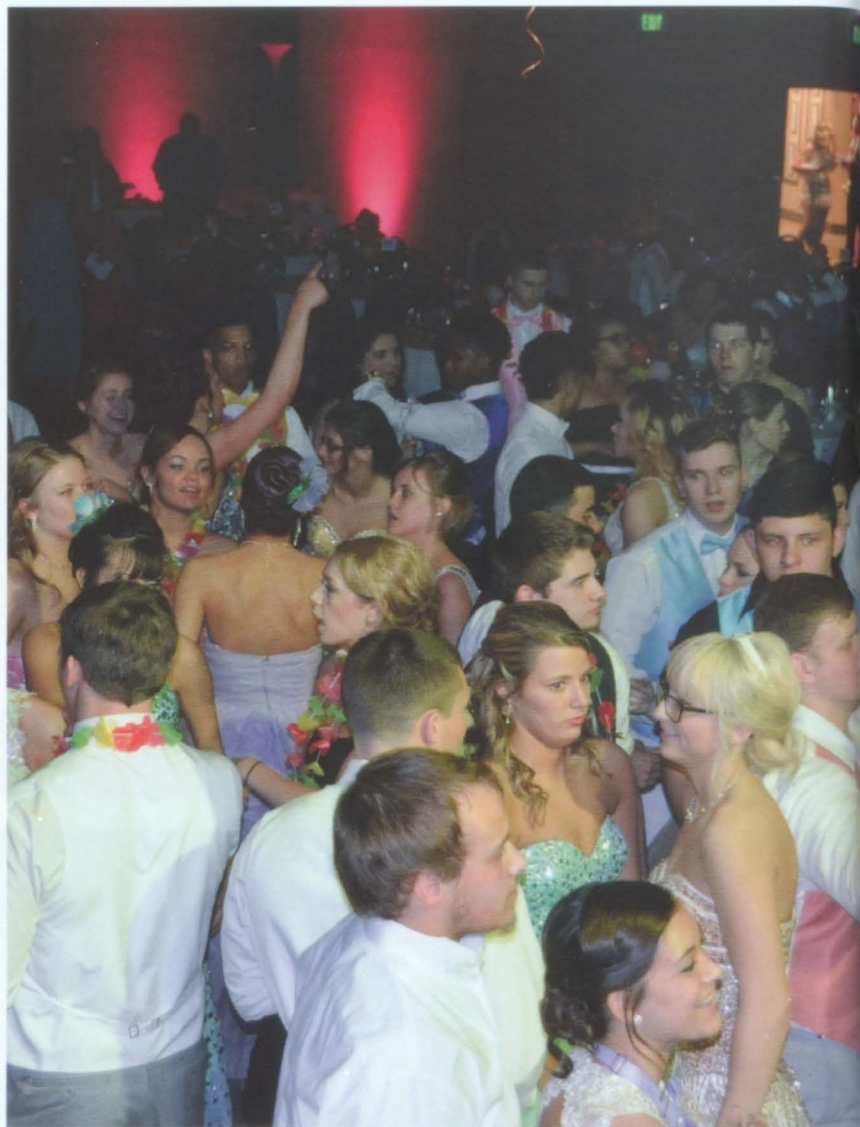
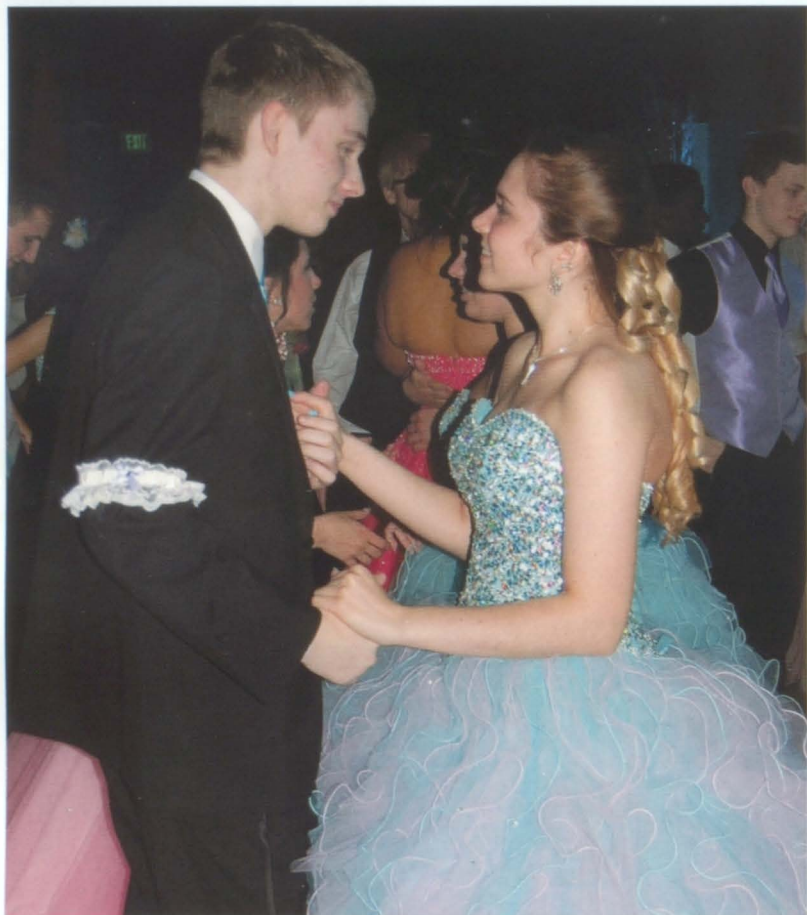
Kevin Wilson, 12



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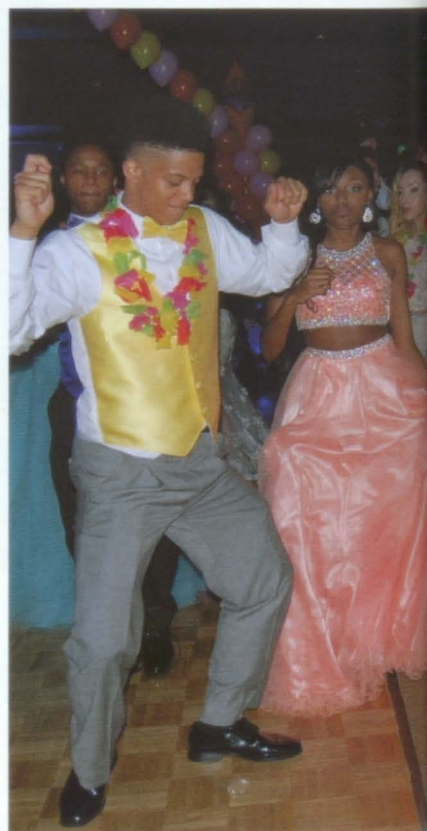
In between songs, junior Brody Welk slow dances with his girlfriend, freshman Lindsay Krajnik. "My girlfriend and I have been together for awhile, so I was excited to take her to my first prom. The weekend after prom was better than I expected," said Welk.

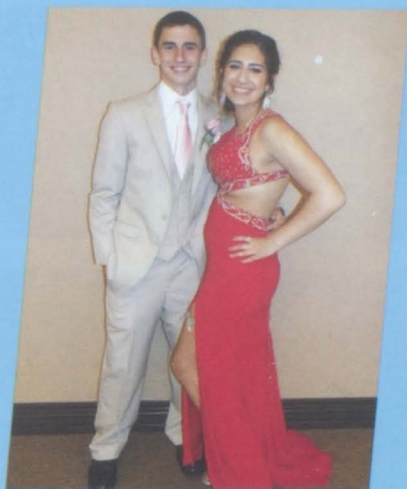
As students dance away, the night the upperclassmen stick with their friends and socialize between songs. "The dance floor got crowded quickly so I had to make sure I stayed with my group and didn't lose them," said senior Meghan Geary.



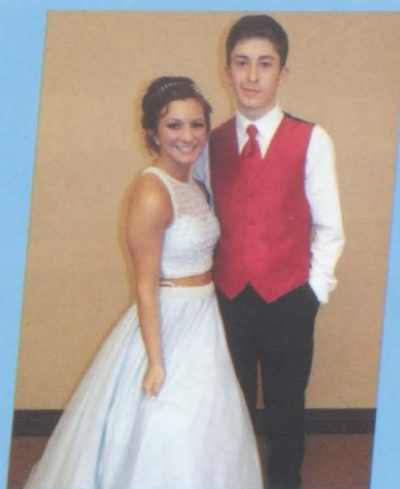
Senior Hannah Miller dances with her boyfriend and friends through each song. "Even though Matt graduated last year, I was thankful that he was willing to be my date for my last dance. It made my last prom unforgettable," said Miller.

Showing off some moves, sophomore Al Ervin dances with seniors Alexis Johnson, Dyonna New, Jasmine Naper, and Courtney Valentas. "I had a great time dancing with my date and all of my friends. They made my first prom memorable," said Ervin.

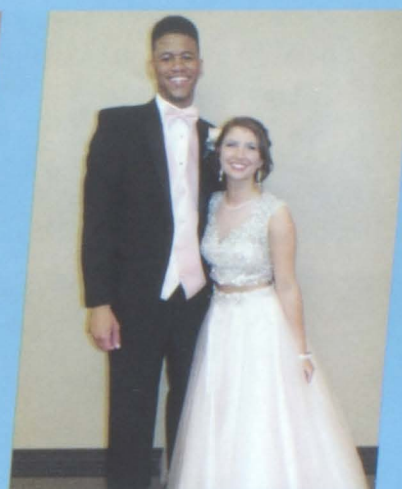




Stephaine Cordova
& Greg Copp



Victoria Holtzer &
Adrian Lopez



Camryn Linders &
Anthony Murphy

Prom Court



Lily Maravilla &
Tremell Murphy

King & Queen

During the night of elegance, the junior class prom court was eager to walk across the stage and see who won prom king and queen. On this year's court, the five girls who were nominated on court were Stephaine Cordova, Victoria Holtzer, Camryn Linders, Lily Maravilla, and Lauren Vieyra. As for the guys, Greg Copp, Adrian Lopez, Tony Murphy, Tremell Murphy, and Anthony Quintero were nominated for prom king. Crowning was half way through the dance and last year's royalty came to announce the new king and queen. Seniors Lawrence Mosley and Kourtney Washick got on stage and introduced each couple as they walked with their partner across the stage. After the introductions, the time came to where Lawrence Mosley crowned Stephaine Cordova prom queen and Kourtney Washick crowned Adrian Lopez prom king. Everyone congratulated the new royalties as they walked on the dance floor to dance to the theme song "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz. "I was shocked to hear my name be called for prom queen, but I was also excited to hear Adrian's name called," said Cordova.



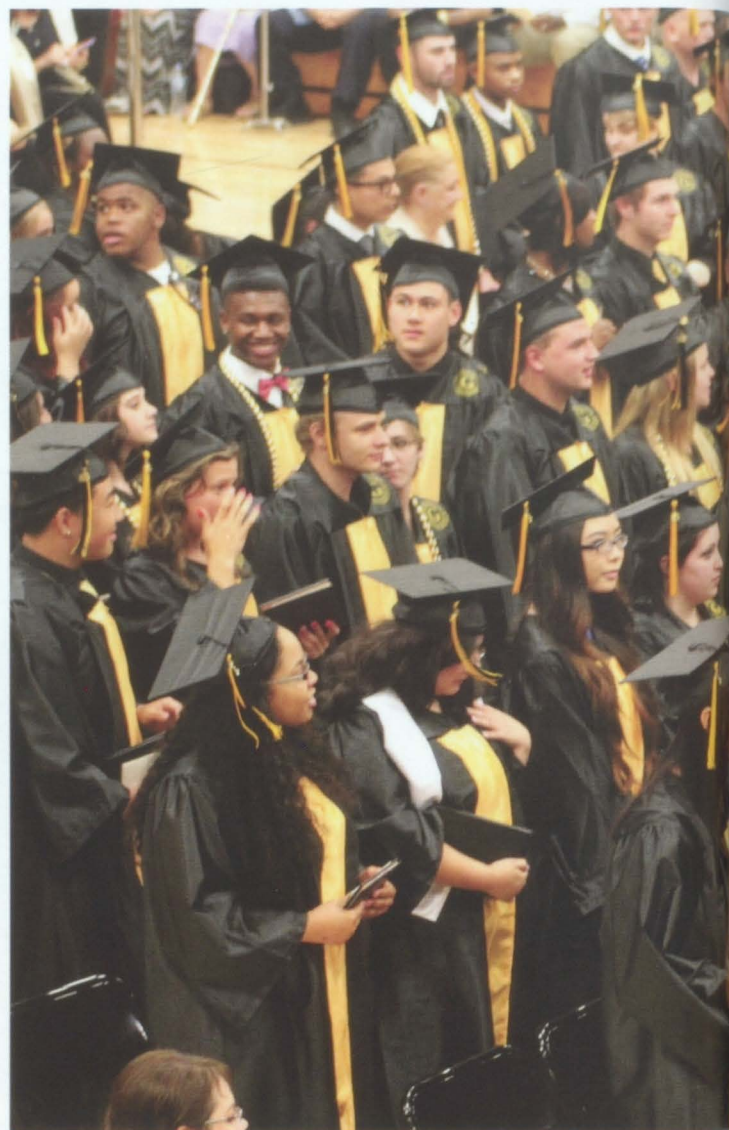
Lauren Vieyra &
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Graduation 2015

Class Basics

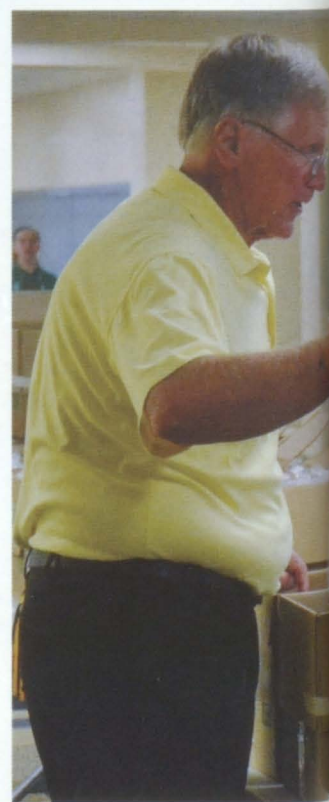
President: Anwar Issa
Vice President: Nathan Szabo
Secretary: Adam Hoover
Treasurer: Zach Diamond
Class Sponsors: Michelle Uditchz & Jenna Candiano

Size: 146 students
Song: "See You Again" -Wiz Khalifa
Colors: Black and Gold
Flower: Carnation
Motto: "We've come a long way, but not half as far as we will go"
Banquet: April 22, 2015
Cookout: June 10, 2015
Graduation: June 14, 2015



Students wait in line to receive their diploma at the class of 2015's graduation ceremony. Junior Alissa Sims, who decided to graduate early, is next to receive her diploma. "I picked the option to graduate early so I could get a head start on life," said Sims.

One step closer to graduation, senior Shelby Winchester, along with other seniors, picks up her cap and gown. "It made me realize how close the end of the school year is and how I am almost done with high school," said Winchester.



The work that the senior class put into their years of high school paid off as the graduation ceremony came to an end and the students held their diplomas. "It was such a surreal feeling graduating, but it was also liberating," said senior Alicia Baker.

A new chapter in life

After four years of hard work, a lot of seniors look forward to graduation. It is a time to think about a new era in their lives.

The annual senior banquet was held on April 22nd at Bridges' Scoreboard, whom also provided pizza and wings. Senior class president Anwar Issa delivered a quick speech and whipped out his selfie-stick to get a photo with all the seniors who attended the event. A little bit after, senior superlatives were announced. New superlatives were added, such as "most likely to take over the world" and "most musical."

On May 8th, graduation students got to pick up their cap and gowns. "When I got my cap and gown I was so happy because it meant that graduation was getting close and high school would be over soon," said senior Mary Devine. The last day of school for seniors came quick despite having two extra days added onto the end of the school year because of snow days. On June 10th, the seniors started off their morning on the last day of school eating a breakfast provided by the school cafeteria. After that the students made their way to the auditorium for graduation rehearsal.

June 14th finally came, some dreading it and some excited for it. The seniors met in the auditorium where a slideshow of pictures from the year played on the projector. "I worked on this slideshow for a while, and I added our class song to make it more sentimental," said senior Adrian Jimenez, who created the slideshow. The 45 minute-long ceremony was filled with speeches from the senior class president Anwar Issa, salutatorian Melissa Chiaro, and the two valedictorians Alec Fowler and Alexander Kepchar.

After receiving their diplomas, superintendent Dr. Peter Morikis finally told the graduation students to move their tassels from the right to the left side of their cap, symbolizing that they have graduated in the state of Indiana.



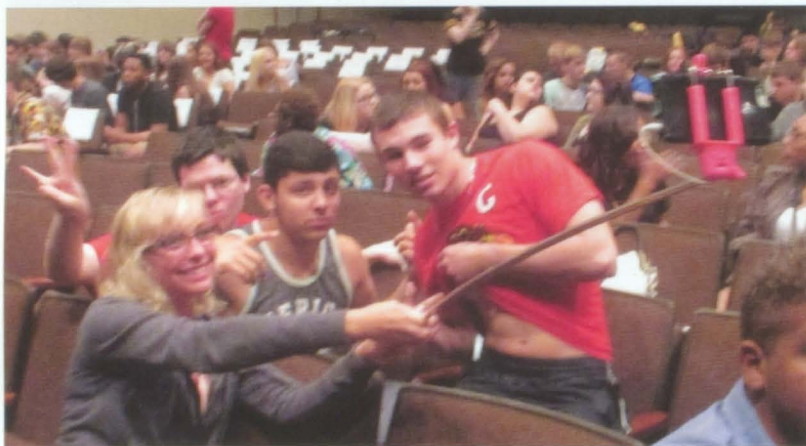
Reminiscing about the four years at Griffith High School, senior and valedictorian Alex Fowler delivers a speech to everyone at the graduation ceremony. "I'm going to miss seeing the people I've got to know over the years everyday," said Fowler.

Top Ten



Alexander Kepchar, Alec Fowler, Melissa Chair, Emily Matson, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Kevin Wilson, Kassidy Grumbles, Blair Morton, Katie James, Caroline Rutherford

As seniors Meghan Geary, Brittany Kealey, and Savannah Slaven eat breakfast for the last time as students of GHS, they talk about their summer plans. "I can't believe it's over and I definitely plan to go to the beach one last time with my friends before they leave for college," said Slaven.



"Being class president gave me the opportunity to give my fellow seniors their superlatives. That was an honor for me. The banquet was a great time all around," said senior Anwar Issa. The senior banquet was at Bridges Scoreboard on April 22.

Posing with her friends, seniors Matt Miller, Christy Slagle, and Nathyn Sierra take a selfie with Slagle's selfie stick. "I bring my phone everywhere and having my selfie stick makes it so I can take better selfies with my friends. It makes it a lot easier to pose for pictures," said Slagle.



After seniors Emily Herron and Madison Watts got their traditional senior breakfast, they talked about what they read in *The Edge*. "I can't believe that I'm graduating. It feels like these four years have just flown by," said Herron.

Senior Superlatives

Class of 2015

Best Eyes



Alexander Kepchar & Christy Slagle

Best Smile



Noah Duvnjak & Elizabeth Morikis

Best Hair



Jordan Avalos & Marissa Lopez

Best Dressed



Ryan Kong & Tyana Hendricks

Class Clown



Lawrence Mosley & Lauren Maynard

Biggest Flirt



Nathyn Sierra & Sarah Dodson

Most Athletic



Robbie Hernandez & Courtney Bell

Biggest Gossip



Justin Villalobos & Sarah Balboa

Most Different from 9th Grade



Rodolfo Quintanilla & Terra Martin

Most Likely to Succeed



Alec Fowler & Melissa Chiaro

Best to Bring Home to Mom and Dad



Aaron Brown & Rebecca Carpenter

Most Musical



Maurice Branch & Alana Swopes

Most Likely to be Famous



Anthony Harris & Amber Holley

Biggest Ego



Matt Potacki & Kaitlyn Edwards

Most Likely to Win at the Rap Game



Caleb Guy & Jasmine Naper

Most Likely to Take over the World



Leif Gulbransen & Lauren Rotermund

Best Car



Ryan Zuklin & Sam Hom

Biggest Partier



Anwar Issa & Kaitlynn Mang

Most Gullible



Alex Garcia & Sam Bakker

Best Laugh



Brett Tauber & Rhianon Kozy

Besties



Becky Schnoor & Celeste Villarruel

Bromance



Zach Diamond & Cesar Rodriguez

Cutest Couple



Seth Shepard & Danielle Falkner

Cutest Couple that Never Was



Lawrence Mosley & Sarah Balboa

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation



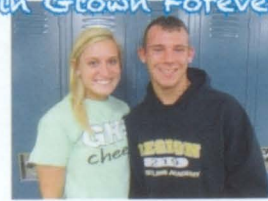
Matt Miller & Taylor Strauch

Most Artistic



Jairo Vazquez & Francene Dybel

Most Likely to Live in Gtown Forever



William Jarrells & Emilie Martocchio

Biggest Heart



Elijah Pierce

Most Involved



Adrian Jimenez & Kiki Dunn

Most Likely to Brighten Your Day



Nick Johnson & Janna Darnell-Mendez

Seniors

After supporting a great cause and giving blood, seniors Annaliese Dawes and Alex Garcia lay down and relax before going back to class. "I feel like giving blood is a great way to get involved and it's also a great way to get out of most of your classes," said Garcia.



Showing their school spirit, seniors Kiki Dunn, Zach Diamond, and Brittany Kealey participate in gender swap day. "I loved that our senior class made our own spirit day. I went all out everyday and I think I definitely pulled off the wig and leggings," said Diamond.



Alejandra **Acevedo**
International Club 9

Jonathan **Adams**

Michael **Alonzo**

Jordan **Avalos**



Alicia **Baker**
Art Club 10,11,12 GPS 12

Samantha **Bakker**
Cheerleading 12

Sarah **Balboa**

Courtney **Bell**
Basketball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11) Softball 9,11
Homecoming Court (Queen 12)



Jenna **Bellamy**

Maurice **Branch**

Tina **Brantley**
Booster Club 9,11,12 FCCLA 10,11,12 Tennis
11,12 Choir 10,11,12

Erik **Brent**





Aaron Brown
Panther Press 12, Baseball 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9 Tennis 9,10,11,12 Student Council 9,10,11,12 (President) Class Council 9,10,11,12 FCCLA 12 Deca 12 Booster Club 12

Anthony Brown

Brittany Burbridge
Cross Country 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Swimming 9,11,12 (Captain 12) Track 9,10,11 (Captain 11) NHS 11,12 FCCLA 10,11,12 Student Council 11,12 Class Council 12 Choir 11,12

Savanna Burge
FCCLA 9 GLS/Tech Crew 10,11 Student Council 11,12 (Secretary) NHS 11,12 (President)



Devante Butler

Tiara Cain

Chad Campbell
Basketball 9, NHS 12

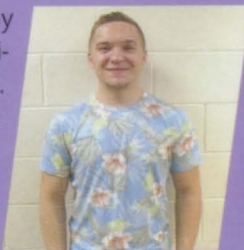
Rebecca Carpenter
Cheerleading 10,11,12 (Spirit Captain 11,12) Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10 Class Council 10,11,12 Student Council 10,11,12 NHS 11,12 DECA 12



During their first senior class council meeting, seniors Madison Watts, Aaron Brown, and Zach Diamond think of themes for their homecoming parade. "Everyone had so many good ideas for the float we had a hard time deciding on which one was best," said Watts.

Remember That Time When...?

"One thing that I'll remember from my high school experience is when I participated in the play *Little Shop of Horrors*. I was one of the minor characters in the play so I did a lot of things in the background."



Nathan Szabo, 12

"Freshman year during tennis season, Melissa Chiaro (12) and I were facing Munster and we were down one point, but at the end of the game we came back and won. It was so thrilling and a great win over all."



Faith Adams, 12



"I was finally able to move back here from Hobart and be able to see my close friends and boyfriend again. I enjoyed attending school in Hobart but I missed living in Griffith too much. I'm really glad I can graduate with all my friends."

Chelsea Deal, 12



"Going to the first football game against Morton because everyone dressed up in togas and went to Hammond for the game. Even though we lost, it was still fun starting off the season with all of my friends."

David Jancosek, 12

Brianna **Carter**

Sarah **Cavazos**

Band 9,10,11,12

Melissa **Chiario**

Drama (Set/Stage Crew 10,11,12) (Set Manager 12) International Club 9,10,11,12 Swimming 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Tennis 9,10,11,12 NHS 11,12 FCCLA 9,10,11,12 DECA 10,12 Math Bowl 11,12 Art Club 9,10,11,12

Joshua **Crespo**



Janna **Darnell-Mendez**

Drama 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12 FCCLA 11,12 NHS 11,12 Class Council 10,12 Student Council 10,12

Julia **Davies**

Annaliese **Dawes**

Mary **Devine**

Art Club 10,11,12 FCCLA 10 GPS 11,12



Zach **Diamond**

NHS 11,12 (Secretary 12) Class Council 9,10,11,12 (Secretary 12) Drama (Set/Stage Crew 9,10,11,12) GLS 11,12 Sound Director 12 Student Council 10,11,12 GPS 11,12 Tennis 11,12 DECA 10,12 Math Bowl 11,12

Sarah **Dodson**

Michael **Douglas**

Kiki **Dunn**

Drama 9,10,11,12 (Tech Director 10,11,12) (Co-Director 12) GLS 9,10,11,12 (Lighting Manager 10,11,12) (President 10,11,12) DECA 9,10,12 (VP 12) International Club 10,11,12 (VP 11) (President 12) NHS 11,12 Student Council 9,10,11,12 (Treasurer 12) Booster Club 10,11,12



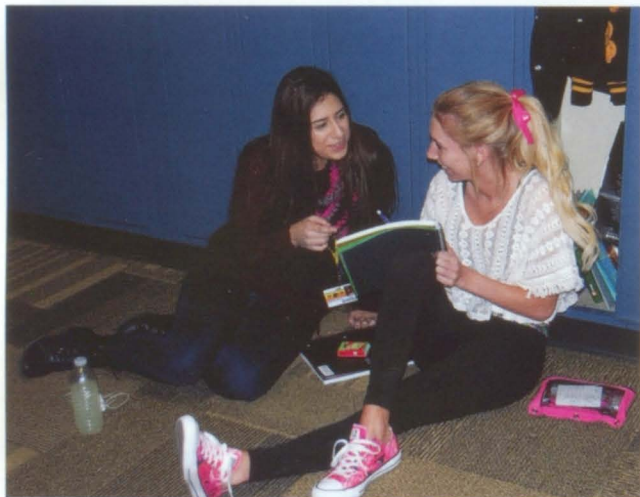
Noah **Duvnjak**

Kaitlyn **Edwards**

Gabriella **Endres**

Basketball 9,10,11,12 Cross Country 10

Danielle **Falkner**



Studying for a final during their free period, junior Stephanie Cordova and senior Kaitlynn Mang go over their study guide. "It's always good to be prepared because that way when you actually take the final, you've had a refresher on the material," said Mang.

Senior Matt Potacki spends his free hour testing the waters on an instrument he'd never played before. "I've played the guitar and piano, so it was a lot like that to play on the harp. It just sounded different, and had a unique feel to it," said Potacki.



As seniors Sarah Dodson, Sam Bakker, and Becky Schnoor get ready to finish the senior prank, they make posters for the cause. "It was a great bonding experience for the class. I had an amazing time participating in the prank. I'd definitely do it again," said Schnoor.



Plans after GHS

"After I graduate, I definitely plan on going to Purdue Calumet or Indiana University in Indianapolis to study radiology, which is what people who scan x-rays do. I know that the people in this profession make good money, and it doesn't sound overly complicated. Plus I've always wanted to go into nursing."

Faith Adams, 12



"I plan to go into the Army Reserve for a few years once I'm finished with high school. After I leave and come back, I plan to major in music at Vincennes University. I've been playing the guitar for a long time, and would love to go pro for something that I actually enjoy doing, instead of just having a job."

Maurice Branch, 12



Alex Fowle

Alec Fowler

NHS 11,12 (VP 12) Drama 11,12 Class Council 11,12 (Treasurer 11) Student Council 11,12 DECA 10,12 (State Qualifier 10,12) Math Bowl 10,12 Social Studies Bowl 10

Jesse Gates

Band 9,10,11,12 Swimming 9

Meghan Geary



Becky Gong

NHS 11,12 Class Council 10,11 International Club 10,12 Student Council 10,11 Drama 12 Color Guard 10

Chelsea Gonzales

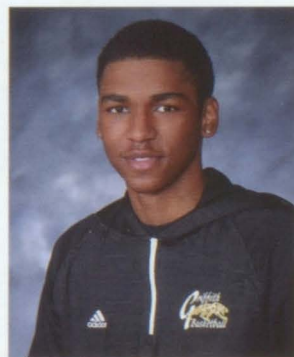
Art Club 10,11,12

Paige Graff

GPS 11,12 Color Guard 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12)

Catie Gregor

Booster Club 9,11,12 FCCLA 9,10,11,12



Kassidy Grumbles

FCCLA 9,10,11,12 Drama 10,11,12 (Co-Director 12) (PA 12) (Thespian 11,12) DECA 10,12 (Secretary 12) Art Club 11 NHS 11,12 Math Bowl 11,12 English Bowl 12

Kristi Grumbles

NHS 11,12 Drama 10,11,12 DECA 10,12 FCCLA 9,10,11,12 Math Bowl 11,12 English Bowl 12

Savannah Gutierrez

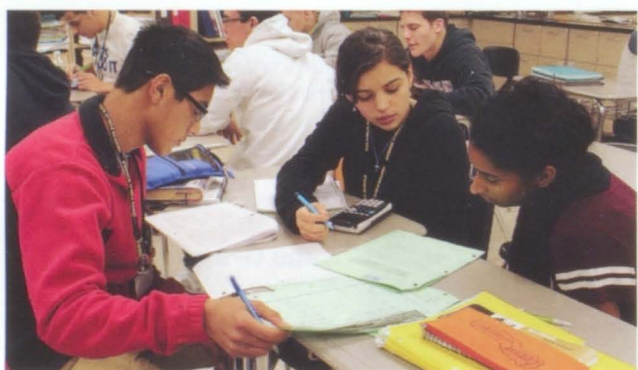
Reflector Staff 10,11,12 Cheerleading 9, Girls Soccer 10 Edge 12 Class Council 10,11,12 FCCLA 10,11 International Club 10,11 Booster Club 9,10,11

Anthony Harris



As seniors Savannah Sammons and Tyana Hendricks enjoy their lunch, they spend time conversing about their favorite classes. "Lunch is my favorite time of day because that's one of the few times I can talk about what goes on freely," said Hendricks.

Working on their packets for their physics class, seniors Celeste Villarruel, Daniel Perez, and Cara Smith talk about the problems. "Physics can be pretty hard, and I'm always thankful for my lab partners. They make it a lot easier," said Perez.



Banesa Jaimez-Garcia

Katie James
Drama 10,11,12 NHS 11,12 Swimming 9 Choir 10,12

William Jarrells
Football 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Wrestling 10,11,12 Basketball 9

Reba Hart
Choir 9 GPS 11
Tyana Hendricks
NHS 12 Student Council 12 Class Council 12 DECA 12

Adam Henson
Robbie Hernandez

Amber Holley
Drama 9,10,11,12 (Co-Director 12) International Club 10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12

Samantha Hom
Panther Press 11,12 NHS 12 International Club 11,12

Adam Hoover
Anwar Issa
Wrestling 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Class Council 11,12 (President 12) Student Council 11,12 FCCLA 12 Booster Club 12 GPS 12





Adrian Jimenez
Swimming 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) NHS
11,12 Panther Press 12 International Club
12 Drama 9,10,11,12 Tennis 10,11 DECA 12
FCCLA 11,12 Choir 11,12

Alexis Johnson
Marcus Johnson

Nick Johnson
Band 9,10,11,12 DECA 9,10,12 (President 12)
Drama 9,10,11,12 (Director 12) Set/Stage Crew
9,10,11,12 (Stage Manager 12) NHS 11,12 GLS
10,11,12



Samie Johnson
Bowling 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Art Club
10,11 Tennis 9

Dre' Javon Jones
Taylor Jones

Tennis 9,10,11,12
Brittany Kealey



Alexander Kepchar
Wrestling 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Football
9,10,11 NHS 11,12 Drama 9,10,11,12 (Flogen
11,12) Track 9 Student Council 11,12 Class
Council 9,10,11,12 (VP 10) DECA 10 FCCLA 12
GPS 12 SADD 10

Ryan Kong

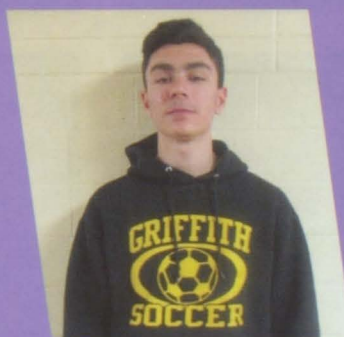
Rhiannon Kozy
Softball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Volleyball
9,10,11,12 (Captain 12)

Kayla LaBuda

When We Were Freshmen

"One time during my first year, I fell in the cafeteria. I remember it had been really amusing because it's always so loud in there, and it was pretty unexpected. I didn't see it coming, and the next thing I knew, my food was all over the floor. Falling hadn't really hurt though, so me and my friends pretty much just laughed it off. We laughed about it for a couple of days afterward. At least I didn't spill any food onto my clothes so it all worked out alright in the end."

Marissa Lopez, 12



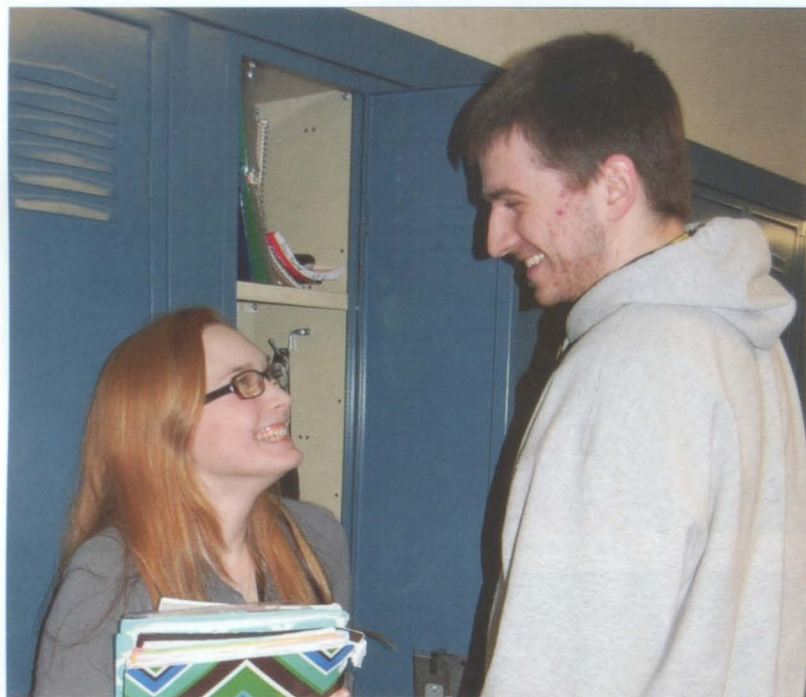
"Freshman year was memorable for me because that was my first year on the high school soccer team. I felt like I accomplished something because I was one of the only players that was a freshman, and also on the varsity team. We didn't do all that great our freshman year, but I still am glad that I joined the team. I love being on the soccer team, and have been since that year. I plan to go try out for the soccer team in college, and I'm really looking forward to it once I graduate high school."

Jordan Avalos, 12

Checking his phone during Marilyn Brunk's math class, senior Aaron Brown makes sure he has no homework. "I like the new phone rule because it allows me to stay in touch with all my friends and family while I'm at school," said Brown.

At their lockers during passing period, seniors Alec Fowler and Katie James laugh about a joke that Fowler said. "He's so amusing. After a long day of school, he always know what to say to make my day a little bit better," said James.

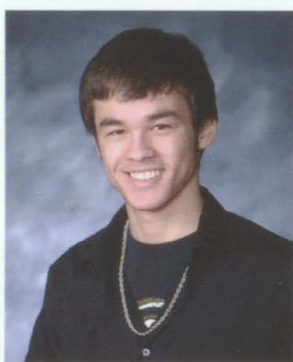
Trying to break the concentration of an opposing team member, seniors Rodolfo Quintanilla and Justin Villalobos, along with the rest of the student section, yell at a Munster basketball player. "I loved that theme, it was definately one of the best ones," said Quintanilla.



Eddie Land
Emilio Leho
Track 12

Jessica Leslie
Cross Country 9,10,11,12 Track 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10 Choir 9 Talent Show 11,12
Drama 9

Stephanie Lockhart
Class Council 9,10,11 GPS 11 Softball 9,10



Marissa Lopez
Volleyball 9,10,11
Dylan Lounges
Jocelyn Lujen
Madison Lynch



Robert Malone
Kaitlynn Mang
Drama 9,10,11,12 Pantherettes 10,11,12 NHS
11,12 Reflector Staff 9,10,11 FCCLA 12 (VP
12) Class Council 9,10,11,12 (Secretary 9,10)
(Treasurer 11) Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Student
Council 11

Laith Mansour
Emilie Martoccio
Booster Club 9,10,11,12 NHS 11,12
Cheerleading 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Class
Council 9,10,11,12





Finals week came around in January and senior Elijah Pierce decided that it was time to take a break from studying. "I thought it would be amusing to dress up as 'King of the Journalism Room'," said Pierce. "It was quiet in there so the staff didn't really expect it."

Where Will You Be 10 Years From Now?

"Ten years from now, I will hopefully be done with college and teaching in my own classroom. Maybe even married and not drowning in a huge pile of debt from school. I want to be living on my own and just overall happy."

Nick Johnson, 12



"In ten years, I see myself working in the E.R. as a nurse and probably attending Purdue Cal or Ball State for nursing. I also want to stay in Indiana and hopefully in the process of planning my dream wedding."

Courtney Valentas, 12



Evan **Masters**

Emily **Matson**

Lauren **Maynard**

Softball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) FCCLA 12
GPS 11,12 Panther Press 10,11,12 (Editor 12)
Edge 10

Sam **McNeiley**



Hannah **Miller**

Volleyball 9,10,11 (Captain 11) NHS 11,12

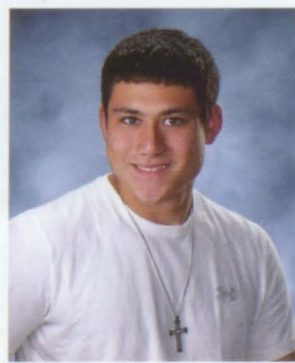
Matt **Miller**

Football 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 9,10 Class
Council 12

Loraine **Moragne**

Elizabeth **Morikis**

Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Class Council 10,11,12
GPS 11,12 FCCLA 12 Cheerleading 9,10,11,12



Emily **Morrison**

Soccer 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Track 10,11,12
Diving 12 Choir 9,10

Blair **Morton**

Softball 9,10,11,12 Golf 11,12 NHS 11,12
Drama 10,11,12 Volleyball 9,10 International
Club 10,11,12 Drama 10,11,12 Class Council 9
Film Club 12

Lawrence **Mosley**

Homecoming Court 12 (King 12) Football
9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10,11,12

Nick **Mosqueda**

Jasmine **Naper**
Basketball 10,11,12 Track 10,11 Volleyball 12

Dyonna **New**

Ryan **Nunez**
Baseball 9,11,12

Collin **Pascoe**



Dan **Perez**
Soccer 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Wrestling
9,10,12 Track 9,10,11,12 FCCLA 11,12

Elijah **Pierce**

Tommy **Plessek**

Matt **Potacki**

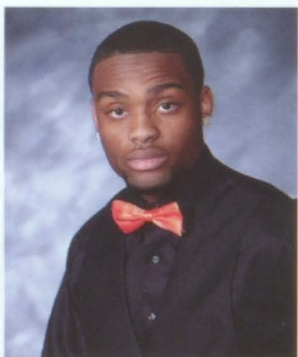


Ja'Mal **Quarles**

Ja'Von **Quarles**
Football 11,12 (Girls' Coach 12) Basketball 12

Gil **Rangel**

Morgan **Rasberry**



Favorite Memories

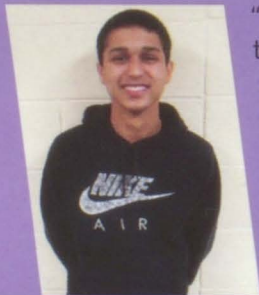
"One of my favorite moments from this year was when I went to my friend Alana's (Swopes, 12) house and we played *The Sims 3*, and we had all the expansion packs so we had alien babies. We also found out some cool cheat codes and some awesome game mods. It was just a great time."

Alicia Baker, 12



"When I'm remembering high school in the future, something that will always stick out to me from this time was meeting my girlfriend Camryn (Linders, 11). I met her during my sophomore year and I've enjoyed my time with her. She always makes me laugh and put a smile on my face."

Justin Villalobos, 12



Hanging up a sign, senior Christy Sagle sits on the shoulders of senior Anwar Issa, while seniors Emmy Martocchio and Alexis Johnson help. "We didn't make a mess during our prank and we also donated all the cans we used to make the '2015'," said Martocchio.





As senior Amber Holley looks over her review guide, she prepares for her English final. "I made my own study guide and that made it easier for me to know what I needed for my final so I could ace it. I ended up doing really well on my final," said Holley.

On the stage, introducing the show they directed, seniors Kiki Dunn and Kassidy Grumbles speak to the audience about *Haunted Hamlet*. "Directing was my greatest moment in high school. The hardest part was trying to manage everyone's schedule," said Dunn.



Tajhane Redding
Boy's Basketball Manager 11,12 FCCLA 12
GPS 11

Ashleigh Rettie
Band 9,10,11,12 FCCLA (Public Relations
Officer 12) Jazz Band 10,11,12

Jibreel Rivers
Football 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 10,11 Track 11,12
Basketball 12

Damiena Rodgers



Cesar Rodriguez
Lauren Rotermund
Reflector Staff 9,10,11,12 (Editor-in-Chief 12)
Art Club 10,11,12 GPS 11 Choir 9

Ben Russell
Caroline Rutherford
NHS 11,12 Student Council 12 Art Club 10,11
(President 11) FCCLA 10,11 International Club
10,11



Savannah Sammons
NHS 11,12 (Historian 12) FCCLA 11
International Club 10, Class Council 11

Brianna Sanchez
Becky Schnoor
Band 9,10,11,12 (Drum Major 10,11,12) Drama
10,11,12 Softball 9,10,11,12 Swimming 9
International Club 10,11 Poetry Club 12

Brittany Sederburg

Jocelyn **Serna**
Choir 9,10,11,12 Band 10,11,12 Art Club 10,11
Drama 9,10,11 SADD 10,11 Tennis 10 Co-ed
Ensemble 11,12

Brian **Sibley**
Nathyn **Sierra**
Alissa **Sims**



Christy **Slagle**
Bryan **Smith**
Cara **Smith**
International Club 9,10 GPS 11,12 Band
9,10,11 Swimming 9,12 Track 10,12
Tiffany **Smolen**

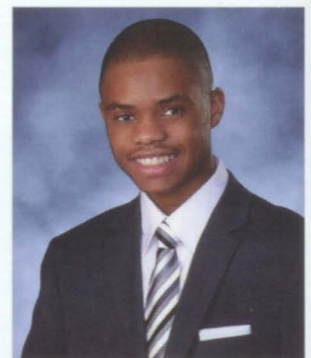


Trevor **Steffan**
Amanda **Stelk**
Taylor **Strauch**
Antonio **Suarez**
Football 9,10,11,12



Alana **Swopes**
Art Club 10,11,12 Reflector Staff 11,12 (Photo
-Editor 12) The Edge 12 (Editor 12) FCCLA 10
Coffee Night 10,11,12 Talent Show 9,10,11,12

Nathan **Szabo**
Brett **Tauber**
NHS 11,12 International Club 10,11,12 FCCLA
12 SADD 11 Basketball 9 Tennis 9,10,11,12
(Captain 12) Panther Press 12 Choir 11
Eric **Taylor**
Band 9,10 NHS 10,11



Senior Traditions

Senior prank

Senior prank has been a tradition for the seniors at Griffith for many years. The question was if the seniors this year would get to have theirs. In the end, the seniors were able to have their prank and did it without damaging school property.

Senior ditch day

The Monday after Prom is the unofficial annual senior ditch day. Many seniors link up with their friends to do something together like go out to eat, go shopping, or even go to the beach.



GHS seniors



Sam Bakker, 12



Trevor Steffan and Noah Duvnjak, 12



Amused with the conversation, senior Jocelyn Lujen laughs with her friend senior Samantha McNeiley while they sit at lunch. "I love talking with Sam everyday because we have a lot of inside jokes and a lot of memories together. She is really a great friend to me," said Lujen.

In her homeroom advocacy on a Friday, senior Reba Hart works on her homework. "I like when we have extra time in advocacy, because it gives me more time to work on things like homework. Having no homework frees up my time at home so that I can watch TV," said Hart.



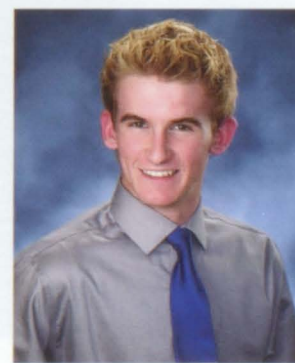
Josh **Terzarial**
Logan **Ulrich**
John **Uylaki**

Courtney **Valentas**
Soccer 10,11,12 Swimming 9,10,11 (Captain 11) Class Council 9,10,11,12 Booster Club 9,10 Drama 9 FCCLA 9,10 GPS 11,12 Choir 9,10



Justin **Villalobos**
Celeste **Villarruel**
Band 9,10,11,12 International Club 10 Drama 10,11,12 Paranormal Society 11,12 Color Guard 10,11,12 Track 9

Maddie **Watts**
Shania **White**
Volleyball 9,10,11 (Captain 11) Softball 9,10



Ty **White**
Kevin **Wilson**
Drama 10,11,12 Set Crew 10,11,12 DECA 10,12 (Historian 12) Panther Press 10,11,12 (Co-Editor 12) Art Club 11 Thespians 11,12 Quill and Scroll 12 NHS 11,12 Math Bowl 11,12 English Bowl 12
Shelby **Winchester**
Ryan **Zuklin**

Juniors

"We got a ton of candy to throw out of the truck to all the little kids that go to the parade. I also had a really great time with everyone," said junior Morgan Taylor. The junior class on their homecoming float, they have a good time throwing candy out of the truck.

In Luann Pramuk's APUSH class, juniors Adrian Lopez and Kody Hoes are laughing about their upcoming weekend before the bell rings. "We were both excited for what we had planned that weekend and I couldn't help but laugh," said Lopez.



Jacob Adams
Rachel Adams
Andrea Aguilar
Marc Alvarez
Abby Anderson
Daniella Ayala



Mia Barnes
Jillian Beaupain
Christian Benjamin
Thomas Biancardi
Tony Boone
Andrew Bowman
Clarence Broadnax



Taporia Brown
Bethany Brucer
Brian Brzycki
Brandon Burgess
Mitchell Burk
Timothy Cichon
Miranda Coccaro





Nathaniel Coglianese
Brandon Collett
Kersten Collins
Alexandria Colomes
Nicholas Conti
Gregory Copp



Stephanie Cordova
Arlynn Corona
Gage Corona
Kassandra Cortez
Teri Cosby
Jacob Cottrell



Troy Cullen
Dylan Derucki
Nicholas Dieguez

Eating lunch with his normal group of friends, junior Andrew Bowman tries not to spill his soup while laughing. "There's definitely never a boring time at lunch with all of them. We're always laughing and cracking jokes about one another," said Bowman.



Benefits of Graduating Early

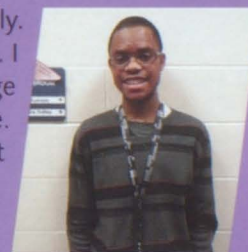
"I'm graduating early because I want to start my life and be able to go to college. I don't see the need to stay when I can take credit recovery and get everything I need to leave this year. I'm ready to leave and get on with my life."

Stephanie Lockhart, 11



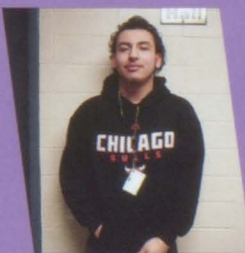
"At first I was scared to graduate early. Now I'm excited and the year is flying by. I don't know where I want to go to college yet and I'm ready to walk across the stage. This is a great opportunity for me to start my career and get on with my life."

Eric Taylor, 11



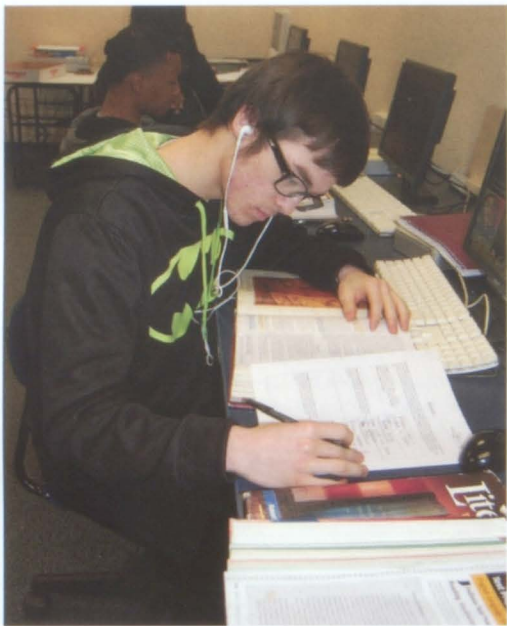
"I think one of the benefits of graduating early is that you get to leave school a year early and get ahead of everyone. The main reason why I'm graduating is because I don't want to stay here an extra year if I can just get all my classes done."

Jordan DeYoung, 11



"I'm ready to start my life and get out of high school. Graduating early gives me that opportunity. I'm already planning for college and I'm excited to start. When I was told that I could graduate early, I jumped on the opportunity."

Alfonso Jeronimo, 11



Nathan Dixon
David Dowd
Louis Dybel
Shamya Fitzpatrick
Victoria Ford

Mariah Fowler
Nicholas Gagliano
Jordan Galindo
Alejandro Gamino
Kylie Gannon

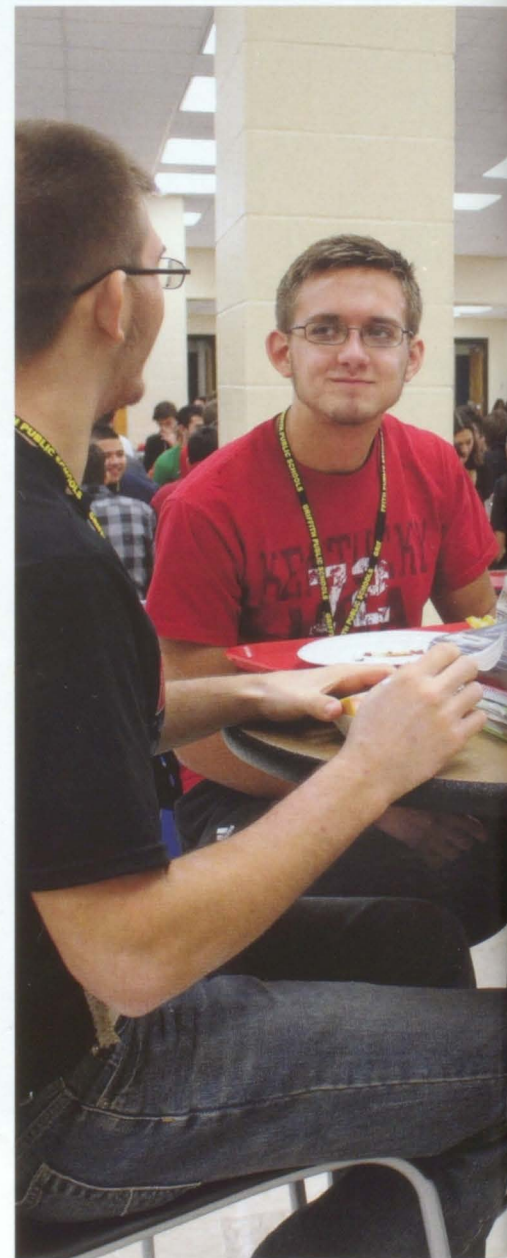
Antonio Garcia
Sabrina Garcia
Robert Gatlin
Whitney Gebo
Jacob George



Jose Gonzalez
Kaily Gonzalez
Claire Guernsey

In the computer lab working for English, junior Emilio Leho listens to music. "Music helps me focus on what I'm working on and to stay on track," said Leho. "If I'm getting my work done and not bothering anyone, my teachers are okay with my earbuds in."

Working on a lab in Jane Villaroman's Chemistry II class, junior Diane Torres experiments with a Bunsen burner. "I used to dislike working on labs, but when we started working on qualitative labs it made me excited for Chem," said Torres. "I like going to class now."





Austin Guistolisi
Kelston Haden
Dominique Hamm
Kourtney Harris
Ma'zhani Hatchett



Keyana Hayes
Michael Hedrick
Robyn Helton
Riley Hendron
Raymond Hernandez-Rodriguez



Sidney Hero
Thao Hoang
Kody Hoes
Victoria Holtzer
David Hom

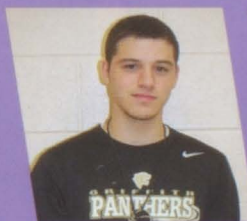


Cory Horton
Sammy Issa

Advice From Juniors

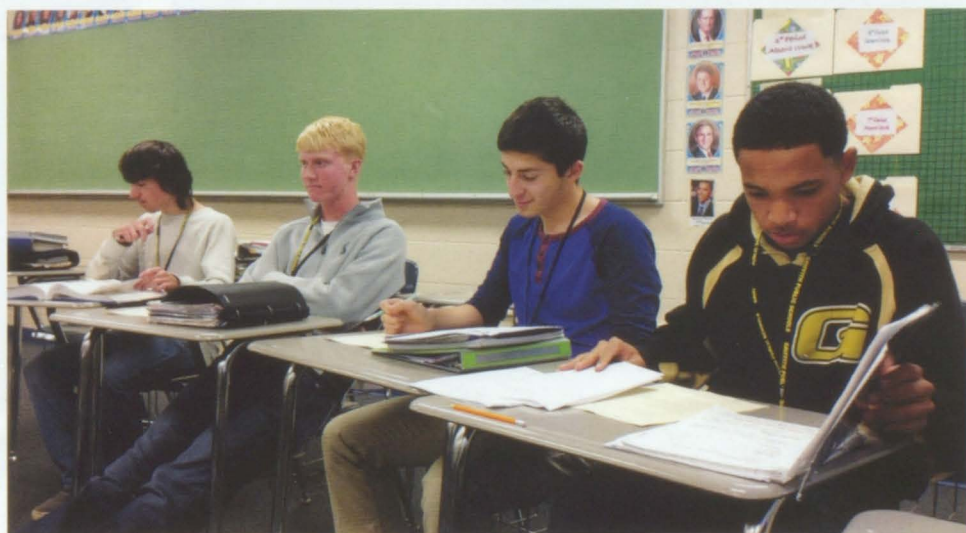
"Junior year is one of the hardest years in high school. You'll have endless nights of studying and working on a lot of homework. It's very stressful sometimes, but you have to remember to enjoy yourself. Don't get behind so that way you can still have a life outside of school."

Laura Slayton, 11



"This is the year that you don't want to slack off. Do not procrastinate at all and try to do all of your homework when it's assigned. Graduation and college is right around the corner, you want to work hard and get good grades so colleges will notice you."

Sammy Issa, 11



As they break in the new high-top tables in the cafeteria, junior Austin Roberts sits with his friends and enjoys his lunch, "I like them a lot, but they give you a limited amount of seats, so all of your friends might not be able to sit with you," said Roberts.

Luann Pramuk's Advanced Placement U.S. History class works in a group on a study guide. "Mrs. Pramuk is a really great teacher. APUSH is a hard class, but if you do your homework and pay attention you'll be fine," said junior Kody Hoes.

Alicia James
Jamaal Johnson
Jamahl Johnson
Elana Jones
Lucas Jones
Corey Josephson
Jacob Kamaski
Taylor Kazmer



Giovonnie Kemp
Erica Kik
Ashley Kitzmiller
Michael Koliboski
Lauren Kovacic
Allison Kumiega
Joshua Lawrence



Tyler Leffel
Alejandra Leon
Camryn Linders
Jared Lipski
Kira Lisle
Alexandra Longoria



Adrian Lopez
Jacklyn Lopez
Jazmin Lopez
Teliya Loudenber



Students go to basketball games to support the players and show school spirit. "I love going to the basketball games and showing my school spirit by cheering for the players. I think everybody should go to the games," said junior Gio Posley.



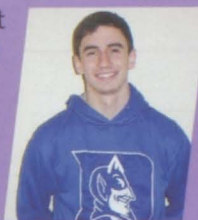
Sitting at lunch, juniors Sidney Hero, Karli Taylor and Alex Soy talk about their day. "Going to lunch is my favorite part of the day. I get to sit with my best friends which always makes my day a little better. We are always laughing and joking around," said Taylor.



Remember When

"Ending the tennis season with the best season Griffith has ever had. We worked so hard to come this far and I'm really glad for the outcome I'm so excited to see how well we do next year."

Greg Copp, 11

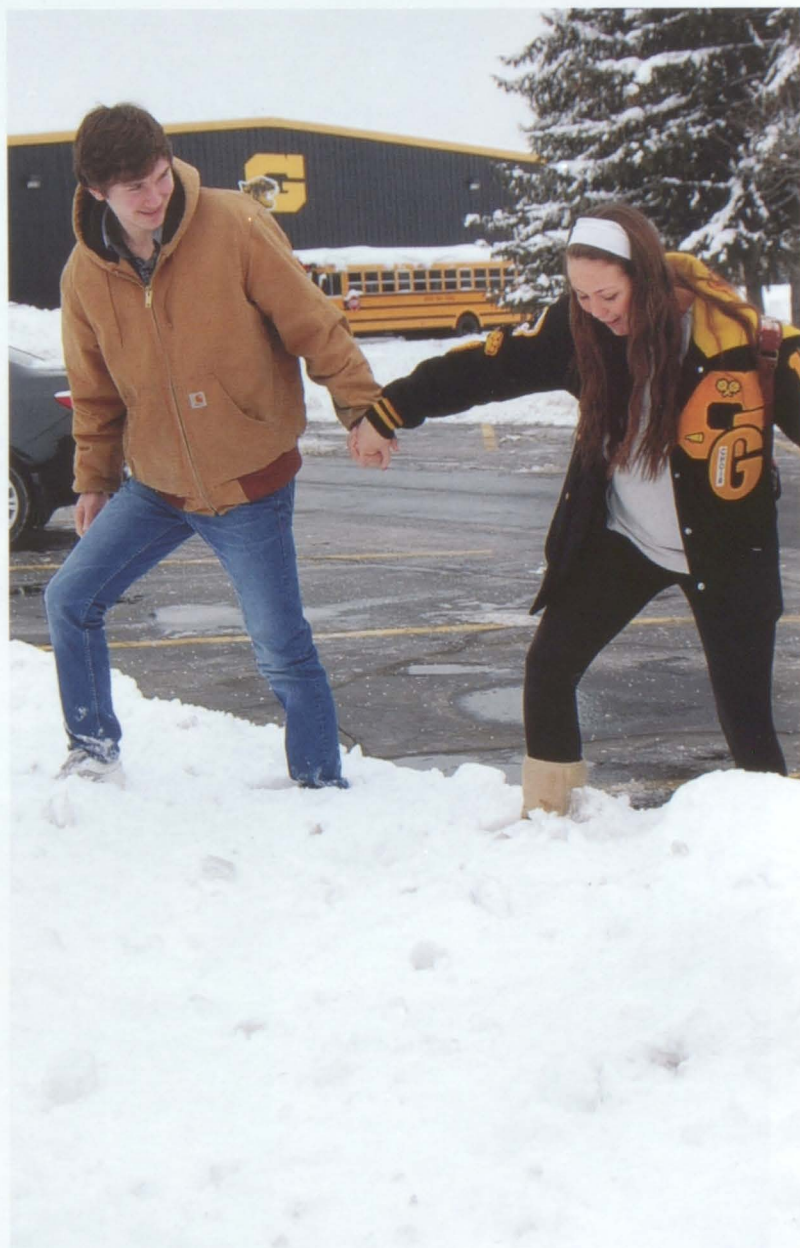


"Nothing makes my junior year more unique than meeting a whole bunch of new friends, and seeing everybody change from their sophomore year to junior year. I have gained so much."

Kira Lisle, 11

In Mrs. Snelson's English class, juniors Tremell Murphy and Michael Torres, listen to the class discussion. "My junior year has been okay so far. I find the work a little hard, but all I have to do it work hard and I'll get through it," said Murphy.

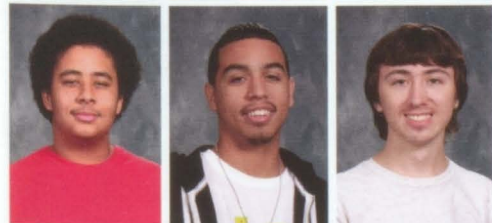
With the help of senior Tommy Plesek, junior Lily Maravilla climbs up a pile of snow to get to class. "I hate the snow," said Maravilla. "It ruins my boots because I have to climb Mount Everest to get to class in the morning. It's such a nuisance and it's annoying."



Caroline Loughren
Oscar Magallanes
Janiwa Magee



Megan Mann
Lily Maravilla
Marcus Marsenic



Michael Marsenic
Isaiah Martinez
Kevin Matson

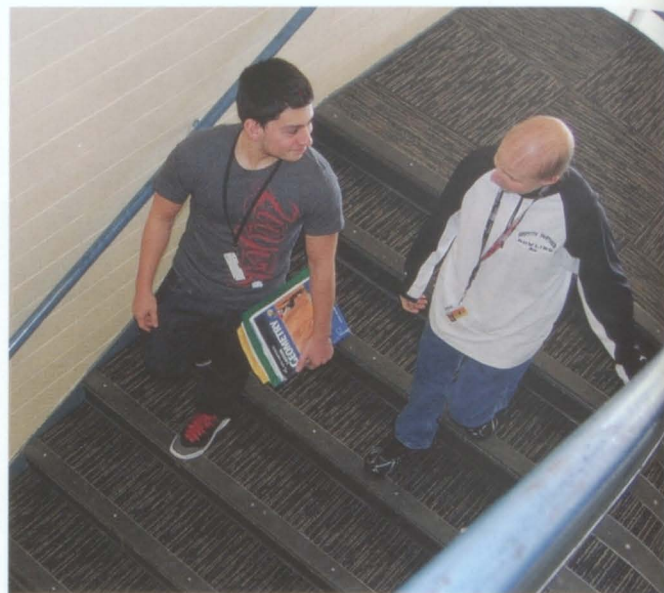


Blake Megquier
Arturo Mendoza



The library has always been a place where students go to escape from the noisy hallways of school. Junior Riley Hendron's main goal is to academically thrive. "It's nice to go to the library and do my APUSH notes because it's quiet and I can get my work done," said Hendron.

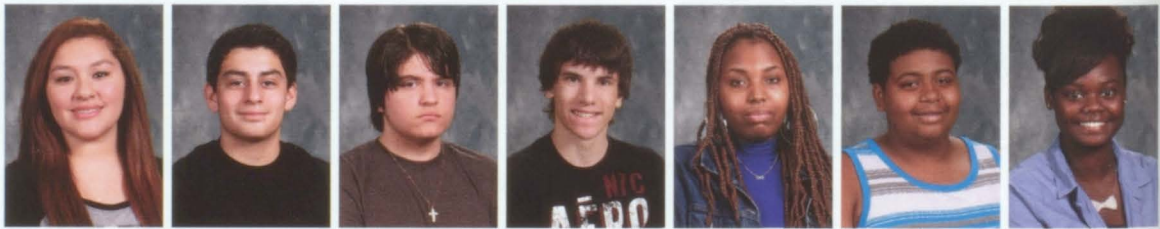
During passing periods, juniors Mike Kolboski and Alejandro Meraz talk amongst themselves throughout the hallways. "My favorite part of the passing periods is the quick break that we get before we head to the next class. I get the chance to see my friends also," said Meraz.



A group of students sit down at lunch to enjoy the new Griffith High School booths. Booths were installed at GHS in November of 2014. "I like the booths in the cafeteria because you are able to kick your feet up and relax," said junior Giovanni Posley.



Marissa Mendoza
Alejandro Meraz
Griffen Metz
Dale Meyer
Antonia Miller
Ethan Mitchell
Ashley Moore



Adam Moritz
Ali Mroueh
Sabrina Munsie
Anthony Murphy
Tremell Murphy
Scott Nolan
Tiffany Novak



Enrique Nunez
Killian O'Brien
James O'Marrah
Connor Pascoe
Kasey Payne
Derrick Peatry
Marissa Perez





Some teachers have a time in their class where they allow students to makeup work or ask questions on past assignments. "I look forward to free days because you get more time to ask questions on what you don't understand," said junior Teri Cosby.

Roaming the hallway with her mind focused on her cellphone, junior Gabriella Endres checks her grades on Powerschool in between classes. "I like Powerschool because I can check my grades as they change throughout the school year," said Endres.



Logan Perry
Giovanni Posley
Chad Postelmans



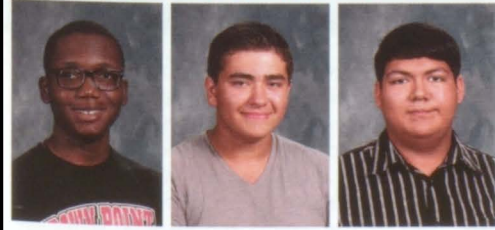
Taylor Pulliam
Anthony Quintero
Serena Reese



Taylor Reynolds
Anissa Rivera
Jeremy Robbins



Austin Roberts
Calvin Robertson
Nijjah Robinson



William Robinson
Logan Sammons
Cristian Sanchez

Remember When

"I'll never forget before my mom died, we would always go to this Fourth of July parade in Chicago and they would throw candy off of the floats. Kids would run around, laugh and cheer."



Nijjah Robinson, 11



"Every Sunday morning before my grandfather died he would make his famous cheesy grits. This is a memory of him I will always hold because it reminds me of how close my family is."

Keyana Hayes, 11

Boris Sanders
Javier Santos
Joseph Shapiro
Brittany Shelley
Kailey Shepard
Laura Slayton



Charelle Smith
Remington Snow
Eva Solis
Alexandra Soy
Benjamin Stassin
Robert Stelk



Collin Sutton
Karli Taylor
Morgan Taylor
Gregory Teamer
Greydon Teamer
James Thomas



In an effort to win first place for best float, junior Lily Maravilla assisted her friends with decorating the junior's float for Homecoming. "I enjoyed decorating the display case as well as the float with my friends because I was able to help make it colorful and creative," said Maravilla.

Sitting in his usual spot in the cafeteria, junior Michael Koliboski relaxes at lunch with the company of friends. "Lunch is my favorite because after a bunch of classes I can just sit, eat, and talk to my friends. It's a nice little break in the day," said Koliboski.



While going down the staircase during a passing period, junior Louie Dybel has a conversation with two sophomores, Micheal Villalobos and Norberto Nunez. "I always try and stop to talk to some friends before going to class just to joke around and catch up with them," said Dybel.



Courtney Tinsley
Diane Torres
Michael Torres
Melanie Turner
Katelyn Venice
Andrew Vera

Lauren Vieyra
Hannah Villa
Nathaniel Vuckovich
Antonia Walker
Daniel Walker
Brody Welk

Paige White
Darail Williams
Mario Williams
Leandra Wimmer
Amir Wright
Joshua Zoran

Advanced Juniors

"I'm in Mrs. Robinson's 6th hour AP English class. Though it's a challenging class, I enjoy it. My favorite part of the class is the short stories that we read because they are all so different and interesting. This class makes me think and find deeper meanings in literature. As hard as it may be, I feel like I'm really learning"

Taporia Brown, 11



"This year I took Mrs. Pramuk's APUSH class and it has been beneficial to me in many ways. Since this class is AP, the students learn more than the average class because there's more material to cover. Also, we were required to take our own notes which meant we had to figure out a way to understand the information."

Joey Shapiro, 11



After a test in Christine Chidichimo's third hour honors pre-calculus class, junior Scott Nolan gets some rest. "If I finish tests or assignments early and have no other homework I'll put my head down and relax. It's calming after working so hard on tests," said Nolan.

Renee Adams
Emmanuel Aguirre
Alecia Albanese
Isaiah Allen
Daniel Almaraz
Karol Ames
Precious Anderson



Tarves Arnold
Sean Bailey
Keon Ball
Federico Barriga
Bridget Beck
Michelle Beck
Jazzamin Benjamin

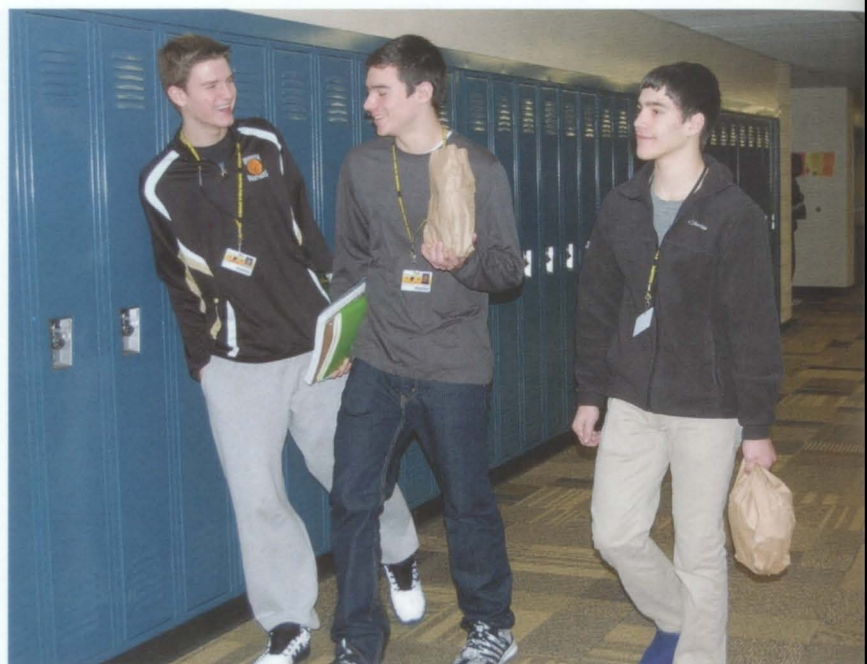


Tray Boone



Sitting at lunch, sophomore Rachel Kruhaj talks to her little sister, freshman Kacie Kruhaj. "I love the group of people I sit with at lunch, we're always laughing and finding something to talk about. There's never a dull moment," said Kruhaj.

On their way to lunch, freshman Jake Dye, sophomores Joey Martoccio, and Luke Broelmann always bring their lunch to school. "I always bring my lunch. It's so much more healthy than the school's lunch, It's also a good way to save money," said Broelmann.



Surviving in the **Forgotten** Class

"For my junior year I'm going to have to be mentally prepared to hit the books and focus on my school work because I heard junior year is the hardest year of high school. Next year I'll be dedicated to do all of my homework."

Hunter Conaghan, 10



"My sophomore year has been so boring. Nothing awesome has happened and I'm sad about that. But I'm really excited for my junior year, I hope it turns out better than my sophomore year did, because that would be great."

Gardenia Gonzales, 10



"I'm new this year to Griffith, last year I went to Calumet. So far I've grown to love this school because I actually learn something here. Everybody is so nice and friendly. I can't wait to see what my next few years in high school bring my way."

Jessica Diaz, 10



"This year was kind of a bust since the basketball season was cancelled for awhile. Thankfully, our post season was returned and we were able to play in sectionals. Basketball is my life and I was happy that we got some playing time back."

Cornell Hampton, 10

Sophomores

Walking next to their class float in the Homecoming parade, sophomore Alexis Gonzalez throws candy to spectators. "Ms. Berzy and Mrs. Pramuk were a big help in making the float," said Gonzalez, "we put a lot of time into it and it showed when we won the best float."

On January 26th students got the opportunity to give blood during their classes anytime from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students were given snacks and a free t-shirt. "I decided to give blood because I'm really all about helping other people," said sophomore Sam Dittrich.



Tyler Broadnax
Luke Broelmann
Diego Burgos
Anthony Caffarella
Elias Caraballo
Julia Carrillo
Maxine Carroll

Jaylen Carson
Khalil Carter
Joshua Cavazos
Lonnie Chabes
Desaray Charbausk
Phillip Cherry
Jennifer Chur

Tatyana Cima De Villa
Courtany Cobb
Alexea Collins
Dennis Colomes
Hunter Conaghan
Maya Coria
Cameron Crowe

Joseph Cunningham
Brook Danielewicz

Rachel Deck
Jocelyn Deleon
Jessica Diaz
Torin Dillon
Samuel Dittrich
Abbey Dobosz



Sabrina Dodson
Sylvie Dowd
Leanna Early



"Gabby Hamm, Jenny Chur, and I always love walking to lunch and talking to each other about all the things that are going on in the school. We will also talk about how things have been going between all of us occasionally," said sophomore Melanie Vera.

Excited to visit his friends in the cafeteria at lunch, sophomore Emmanuel Aguirre, eagerly sits down waiting for his friends to tell stories about how their day is going. He would tell jokes he heard that day and hear what his friends have to say.

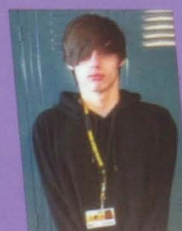


Sophomore Benefits



"The clubs that are new this year are so interesting. The video game club is a club that is hosted after school once or twice a month where a bunch of gamers can get together to play video games with each other. It is exciting when you win or it comes close in the end of the match."

Trevor Sheffield, 10



"The people that I have met sophomore year have been some of the most influential people in my life. They keep me from making stupid decisions and push me toward the right one in the end. They are there for me when I need someone the most."

Daniel Almaraz 10



"The teachers have made this year so much easier than last year. They realize that things are rough and either go over it again and take their time or talk to you to find out what they need to change or what you as a person need to do to better understand what is going on."

Emily Pawlicki, 10



"It is easier this year to learn things when you have the basics from the previous year. They started us on the computers which made it easier to comprehend new things. They also got new books that are updated that makes everything easier and better."

Amanda Ramos, 10



Al Ervin
Daniel Escorza
Erin Escorza
Stephen Esquivel
Dontray Estelle
Alec Evans
Charles Flores

Joshua Fowle
Tyrone Freeman
Desarae Garcia
Summer Gary
Alexion Gee
Chyna Gerloff-Rex
Jordan Glade

Jenny Gong
Emily Gonzales
Alexis Gonzalez
Gardenia Gonzalez
Taya Goode
Joshua Goodman
Cameron Gordon

Victoria Granter
Carson Grin
Amber Grubish
Austin Guerrero
Brittany Gutierrez
Cristian Haddock
Natalie Halley



Rushing to grab her things out of her locker, sophomore Alyssa Skertich hurries to make it to Spanish class before the bell rings. "Spanish is a really difficult class to take, but it is also an interesting class if you are looking forward to learning a different culture," said Alyssa Skertich.

While trying to make new friends in the cafeteria, sophomores Cassandra Metz and Amanda Ramos start a conversation during breakfast. "I'm so glad to have met somebody as nice and outgoing as Amanda. She is really funny and I enjoyed talking to her this year," said Metz.





Breanna Hamilton
Gabriella Hamm
Cornell Hampton
Zaria Heath



Keith Hernandez
Julien Herrera
Zachary Hilgeman
Leyah Hodge



Kathryn Holt
Alexis Ingle
Jacob Janik
Chase Janowski



Kaylynn Jarrells
Cody Jasaitis
Lillian Jeffers
Dana Jelenski



Ethan Jones
Colton Jursic



Sophomore Sylvie Dowd helps sell coffee and cocoa at Coffee Night on September 17th. "I volunteered to work coffee night through choir. It was cool working with my friends and being able to watch all of the kids singing and playing instruments on stage," said Dowd.

The sophomore class built their "All About That Bass" themed float for the Homecoming parade in October, and took the crown for the best float for the 2014 parade. "I was so proud of our class for winning," said sophomore Rachel Deck. "We all worked really hard."





Corynn Kealey
Zachary Keil
Adam Kent
Allison Klingensmith
Rachel Kruhaj
Kyle Labicki
Jonathan Lanfear

Denharria Lewil
Brandon Leyba
Carlos Lopez
Elias Lopez
Kelsy Lopez
Trevor Losiniecki
Megan Madrigal

Isabella Maglish
Justine Martinez
Joseph Martoccio
Andrew Masters
Collin McCampbell
Adrionna McClain



Taking advantage of the new rule at GHS stating that phones can be used during class and passing periods, sophomore Matt McInerney checks his notifications. "It's awesome that I can use my phone without getting yelled at," said McInerney, "it's really convenient."

Sophomore Moments Recap

"My favorite moment of sophomore year was definitely Homecoming. I had such a good time dancing with my friends. This year's dance was better than my freshman year, and I hope it gets even better."

Ale Albanese, 10



"In January, I went to my first turn-about dance. My date [sophomore Rachel Kruhaj] and I went with our group of friends to Dick's Last Resort in Chicago on a party bus. It was the best."

Carson Grin, 10

"This year, I went to Purdue Lafayette with the GHS marching band. We performed at half time to a combination of Elvis Presley songs. I am so glad that I got to be a part of that. Working hard paid off this year."

Julia Carrillo, 10

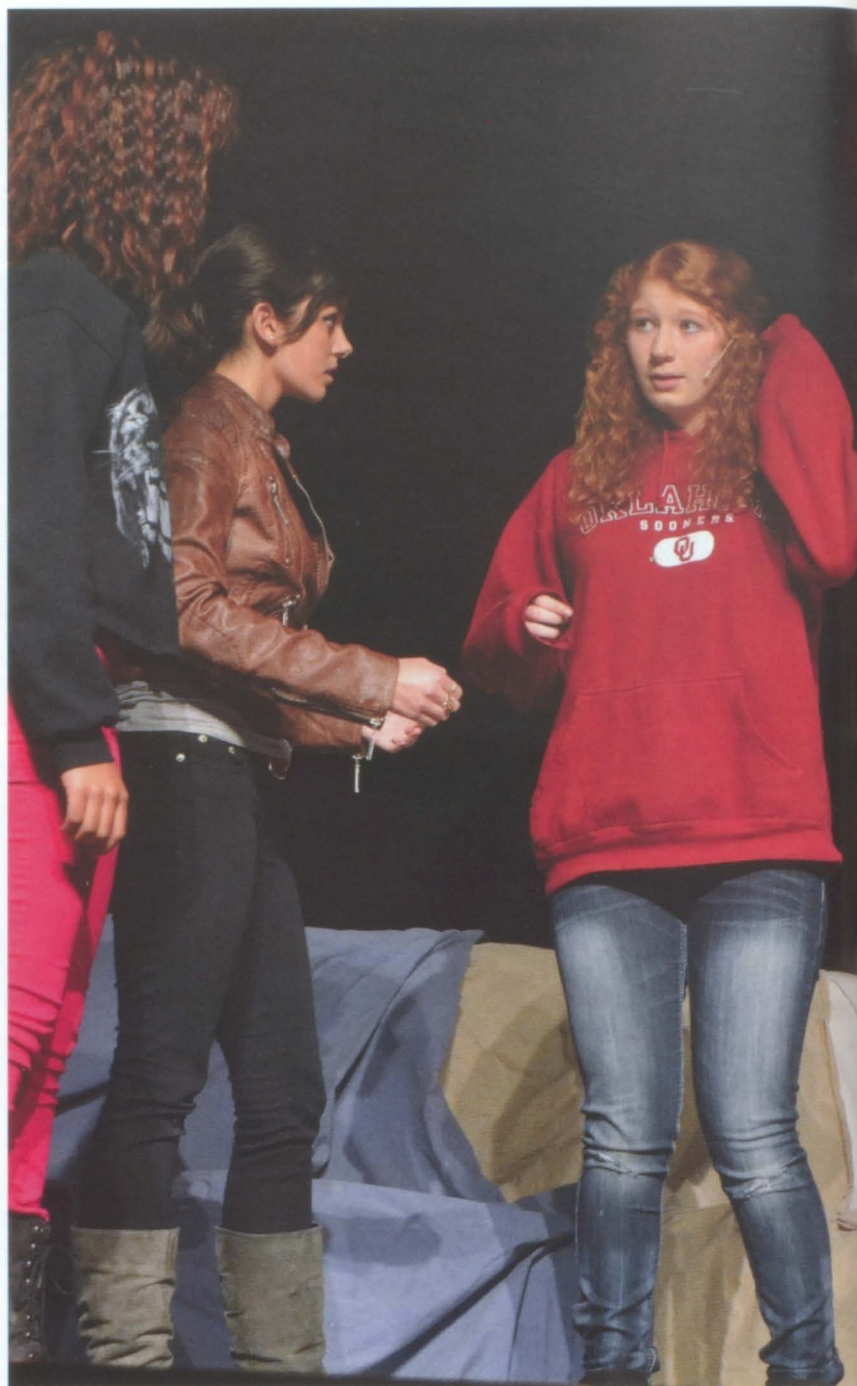


"Basketball season is my favorite part of my sophomore year hands down. We had a successful first half of the season. We were faced with a big problem, too but we still stuck together as a family."

Torin Dillon, 10

These past few years, Griffith has been getting multiple inches of snow in the winter. "This winter was really cold and I thought Spring would never come," said sophomore Kyle Labicki. Griffith missed five days of school this year due to weather conditions.

Every year, drama puts on a three act play. Sophomore Dara Meece participated in a skit called "Ha Ha House" with senior Janna Darnell-Mendez. "I enjoy doing drama night because it is less stressful than the play in the spring," said Meece.



Iy-Lyse McGee
Matthew McGivney
Matthew McInerney
Dara Meece
Cassandra Metz
Renee Mierzwa



Kaytiana Mihalic
Joshua Miller
Kiara Miller
Megan Miller
Monet Mitchell
Noah Mitcheltree
Julian Molina



Amalia Montes
Susi Montes
Christine Morikis
Patrick Moseley
Jason Munsey
Angelica Nava
Veronica Nieves





Norberto Nunez
Shamari Patterson
Emily Pawlicki
Briann Peek
Alec Pena
Corey Perkins



Kayla Piper
Luke Pospychala
Aliza Price
Kaelyn Price
Evan Queen
Martha Quiroga



Ashley Ramirez
Isaiah Ramirez
Amanda Ramos
Luke Reid



Jeremiah Reitz
David Renfro
Austin Richardson

At a home football game, the band played "Thriller" and did the famous dance to the song. "It was a challenge to learn the music and the dance that went with it. Plus, I was scared that I was going to mess up," said sophomore Ly-Lyse McGee.

How'd You Meet Your BFF?

"I met my best friend, Amber (Grubish, 10), in the seventh grade. We sat by each other in homeroom and we talked every day. The first time she came over, I hit myself with an Expo Marker and got a bloody nose."

Emily Pawlicki, 10



"I met Lilyana (Salazar, 10) during my freshman year. Our lockers were by each other and we had a lot of mutual friends. We got even closer because we sat by each other in a lot of classes the whole year."

Joey Soy, 10



Hanging out at lunch, sophomores Jorge Robinson, Danny Uylaki, and David Renfro talk about the transformation from freshman year to this year. "I feel like last year was extremely different. I have matured more since then and I know what I want to do in the future," said Robinson.



Brooklyn Richardson
Jorge Robinson
Talia Roldan
Monica Ross
Jacob Rothchild
Lilyana Salazar



Mercedes SanMiguel
Malik Sarsi
Jeremy Schaller
Kayla Schramm
Delaina Schrock
Alec Seberger



Trevor Sheffield
Andrew Shelton
Kaleb Sholey
Brooklyn Sierra
Alyssa Skertich
Alasia Smith



Jermaine Smith
Samantha Snell



Sophomores Emily Gonzales and Corynn Kealey stand in the middle of the turf to play their halftime song at the football game. "Sometimes I'm nervous to play at football games, but once I'm out there it feels exhilarating because band is my life," said Gonzales.



"Any honors class is challenging so you have to pay attention. Most of the people I talk to are in my class which is one of the reasons why I'm doing pretty well in that class," said sophomore Jeremiah Reitz. Reitz takes a quick power nap before beginning class.



Joseph Soy
Heather Steele
Abigail Strauch
Kasey Tinsley
Dakota Torres
Daniel Uylaki
Jasmine Valdez

Phillip Valentin
Hector Vega
Ashley Vera
Melanie Vera
Michael Villalobos
Brandon Watson
Raejon Whitehead

Steven Whitehead
Amere Williams
Antonia Williams
Laderrick Williams
Hollie Witvoet
Johnny Woods
Exavior Zeiler

Sophomore **Expectations**

"Sophomore year has been one of the best years of my life even though some of my classes are difficult. I have a hard time concentrating during class sometimes because of my phone and friends."

Denny Colomes, 10



"I definitely underestimated what sophomore year was going to be like. It is totally different from freshman year. You have to take time out of your schedule to actually study. Also, you have to make sure you pay attention."

Antonia Williams, 10



Studying the notes on the backboard in Christine Chidichimo's room, sophomore Keith Hernandez gets ready for class. "Pre-Calculus Honors is a challenging class, but doing my homework and getting help from Mrs. Chidichimo whenever I need it makes it much easier," said Hernandez.

While at lunch, freshman Katelyn Leslie and sophomores Tatyana Cima de Villa and Kayla Schramm talk to the other people sitting on the other side of their table. "I don't really prefer the school lunches so I bring my own healthy lunch to school," said Cima de Villa.



Freshmen

In the cafeteria during lunch, freshman Hunter Smolen sits with his girlfriend, freshman Mikensie Shultman. "It's the highlight of my day to get to sit with my girlfriend at lunch. Even though I see her a couple times throughout the day, I enjoy talking to her," said Smolen.

Putting the finishing touches on the freshman Homecoming float, freshman Jocelyn Hayes ties balloons to a poster. "The amount of effort and teamwork everyone showed was just great for our freshman year, we all just worked together so well," said Hayes.



McGwire Adams
Robert Ally
Matthew Alvarez
Islam Amara
Trinity Austin
Joshua Bacon



Karissa Baker
Cassandra Barnaby
Allison Biancardi
Cameron Bobos
Cole Bocock
Delia Booker



Molly Bradford
Britney Brady
Jose Bugarin
Daniel Burbridge
Kyle Cartwright
Carrieanna Chumbley





Kadafi Coleman
Anthony Compton
Jared Cottrell
Thalia Cuadra-Gandara
Jacob Damski
Skylar Davenport

Lily Desler
Conner Diamantopoulos
Jacob Diamond
Maurice Dixon
Christina Dorsey
Christopher Dorsey

Mikaela Dragus
Gabriel Dudliceck
Jolie Dunn
Scott Dybel
Jake Dye
Leah Dye



Performing at coffee night on September 17th, freshman Hannah Ramirez sings "Jar of Hearts" by Christina Perri. "I was nervous to sing at my first coffee night, but I got up there with my best friend, Ali (Schoon, 9). We sang one of my favorite songs and everyone cheered us on," said Ramirez.

Freshmen Survival Guide



"It's important to focus on your school work while being in extra curricular activities because you have to balance both of them at the same time. In order to participate in a sport you have to maintain good grades so I try to do all of my homework."

Taylor Grady, 9

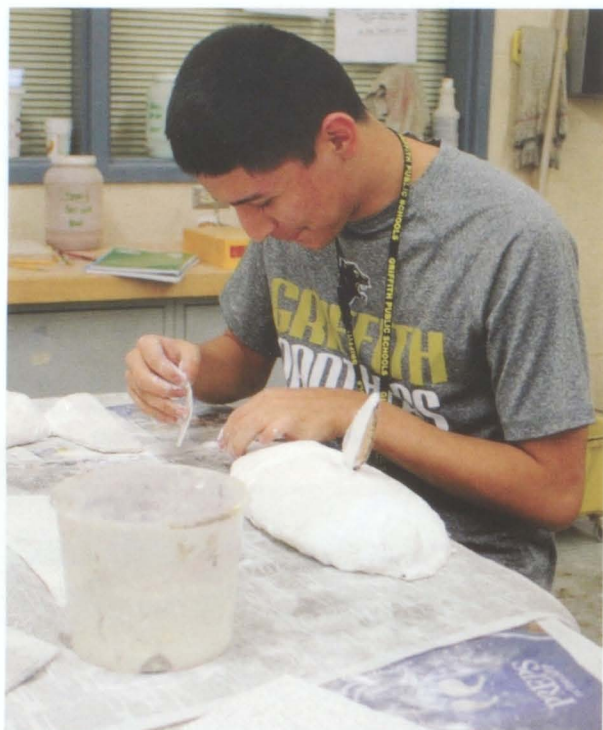
"Being in sports and keeping up on school work is definitely a challenge. Trying to balance them both is something you have to do if you want to continue playing sports and doing other activities. Know that homework comes first, then sports."

Shawn Falstrom, 9



"It was hard to focus on my grades and the other three activities I joined. I would push myself to over-study and work hard just to go an extra mile and prepare myself for the future. Being in sports motivates me to always give 110 percent in my school work."

Yamia Smith, 9



If students are interested in taking art or ceramics classes, they can take intro to 3D art to get a feel of what ceramics would be like. "I thought this year wasn't very hard and I made many interesting projects in this class," said freshman Justin Moyo.

Alexis Engle
Shawn Falstrom
Brett Faucault
Amir Ferguson



Zachary Fisch
Storm Fleming
Rebecca Flores
Bailey Gaffney



Nichole Gagliano
Adolpho Galan
Merry Galindo
Alexis Gardner



Haley Gearhart
Taylor Grady
Shawn Graham
Pedro Guerrero



Marcelino Gutierrez
Shadi Haddad



Luke Haney
William Hansen



Memories of the '18 Class



"One day at band practice, some of us decided to play hide and seek around the school instead of practicing. I was running around trying to find a place to hide so I decided to hide in a garbage can. I got in and no one could find me, but when I tried getting out I was having some issues. I got my arms and head out, but then my butt got stuck. I was struggling for awhile until people found me and it took a lot of people to get me out. No one could stop laughing for at least ten minutes."

Maddie Kruse, 9

"In the winter when I went sledding around the ice rink at Central Park with Hollie [Witvoet, 10], Taylor [Pulliam, 11] and Jessica [Diaz, 10]. Taylor even took his shirt off and slid on the ice. Hollie and I were dying of laughter. Taylor thought it would be a good idea to play bowling and he slid on his stomach and knocked me off of my feet. Then we made up a game where we would push each other and see who could stay up for the longest. It was a pretty great day just hanging around with some old friends."

Leah Vuckovich, 9





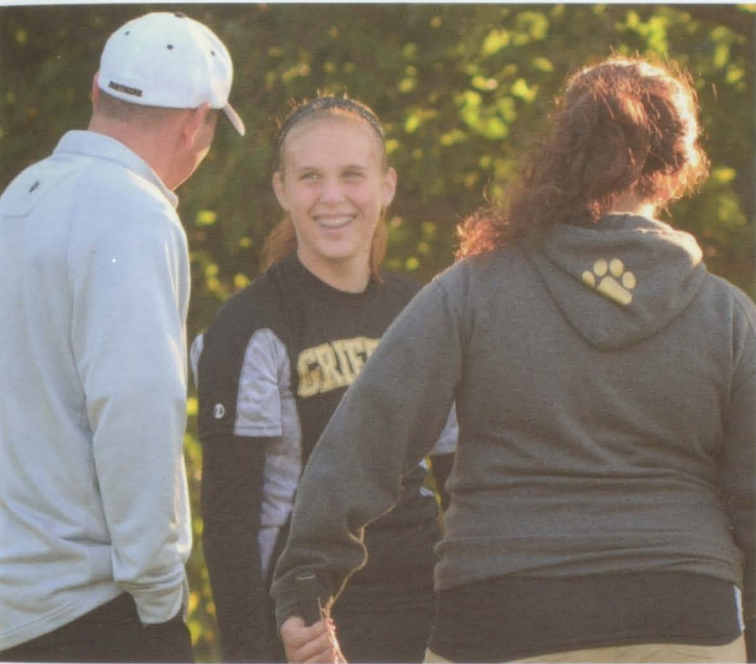
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Kayla Henderson
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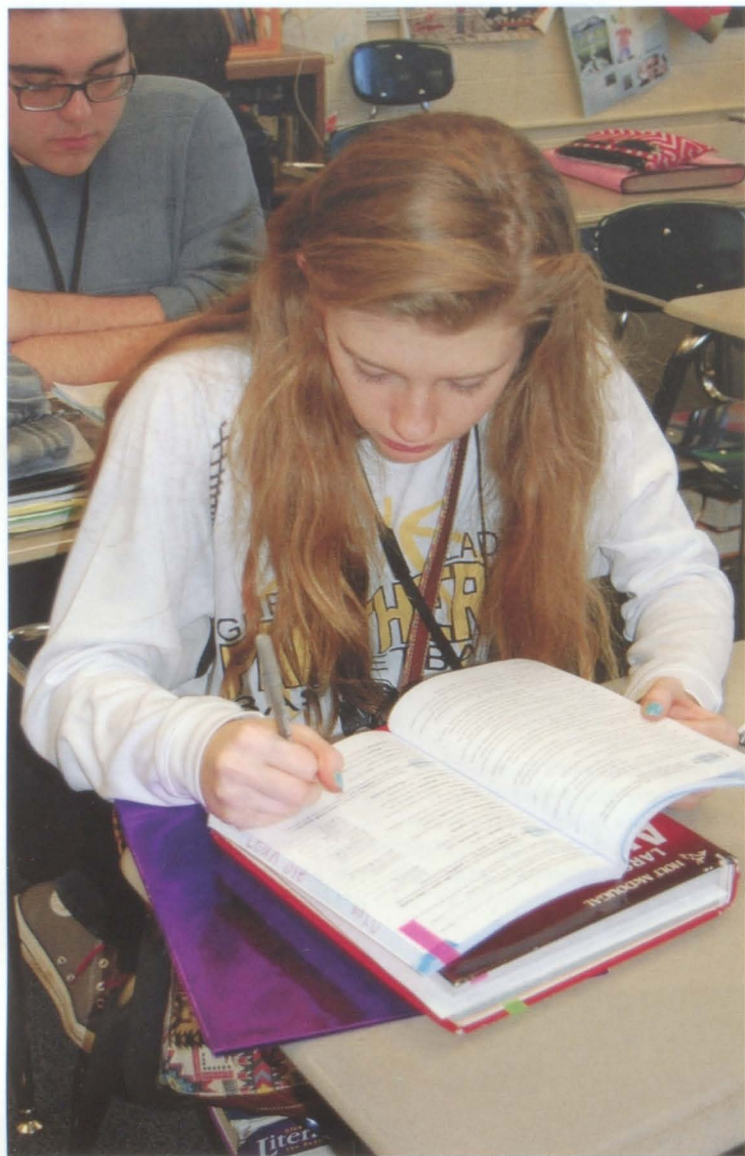
This was freshman Mary Lesko's first year playing golf competitively and she convinced some of her friends to join the team with her. "I thought that it would be a challenge balancing sports and school work, but it actually turned out to be fairly easy," said Lesko.



Taking gym freshman year is mandatory unless you participate in a sport and freshmans Chris Dorsey and Stephen Kunka took gym all year. "I enjoyed gym because I got to spend time with my friends and I was very competitive when we played football," said Dorsey.

FCCLA raised money by allowing anyone to walk their dogs in the homecoming parade with a \$3 entry fee. "Being able to help a charity always puts me in a good mood and plus I love animals and helping out with whatever I can," said freshman Courtney Smith.





Trying to finish her vocab assignment, freshman Leah Dye works quietly so she won't have homework. "I don't mind doing vocab because it's interesting learning new words. It gets intense when Mrs. O lets the class play the flashcard review game," said Dye.

Best friends in life and teammates on the floor, freshmen Haley Gearhart and Alexis Gardner sit happily while watching the football game. "Cheerleading is my passion. My team supports each other like we're family. I can't wait for next season," said Gearhart.



Lindsay Krajnik
Kacie Kruhaj
Madeline Kruse
Stephen Kunka
Bobby Lacy
Morgan Ladendorf
Patrick Land
John Lawson



Leslie Leon-Aguilar
Mary Lesko
Katelyn Leslie
Naiya Lewil
Austin Lomax
Domingo Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Kylie Maloney



Christopher Mares
Trevor Marlow
Marcus Marquand
Emily Marsh
Erik Martinez
Veronica Matthews
Eric Mazzone
Kyle McCarter



Thomas McCarthy
Adonise McCully
Maxwell McLean
Collin Meadows





"Thinking of an idea and building the float wasn't very hard with a big group. Walking in the parade was entertaining since we danced to the music the whole time," said freshman Marrisona Walter. The freshmen class council proudly walks behind their decorated homecoming float on October 3rd.

Advice for Incoming Freshmen...

"You meet a lot of new people and experience a lot of new things freshman year. My hardest class seems to be biology. I'm still trying to figure out how to handle some classes, but I believe that if you work hard, you should be able to pass."

Islam Amara, 9



"I had an okay freshman year, but it could've been better. High school was what I expected it to be. You need to be quiet, pay attention, and do your work. It helps to know what electives and classes you can take for your future career."

Kyle Cartwright, 9



"I began this year by slacking off and not paying attention, which I really regret doing. If you don't understand what your teacher is saying you need to pay attention, take notes, and ask questions. I'm more prepared for sophomore year."

Matthew Pierson, 9



"I didn't really know what to expect as an incoming freshman, but I like the freedom I get in high school. Being a freshman is just like being in any other grade. You have to make sure you do your homework and pay attention."

Vicky Perez, 9

Nina Mendoza
Alexis Metcalf
Victoria Metcalf
Angelica Meyer
Sedrick Miles
James Mines

Hailey Moore
Clarissa Mosely
Justin Moyo
Alaa Mroueh

Santiago Muro-Murillo
 Brian Narug
 Tyler Nguyen
 Kevin Novak
 Ethan O'Brien
 Jeremy Paganelli



Kenyon Patrick
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 Thomas Perez
 Victoria Perez
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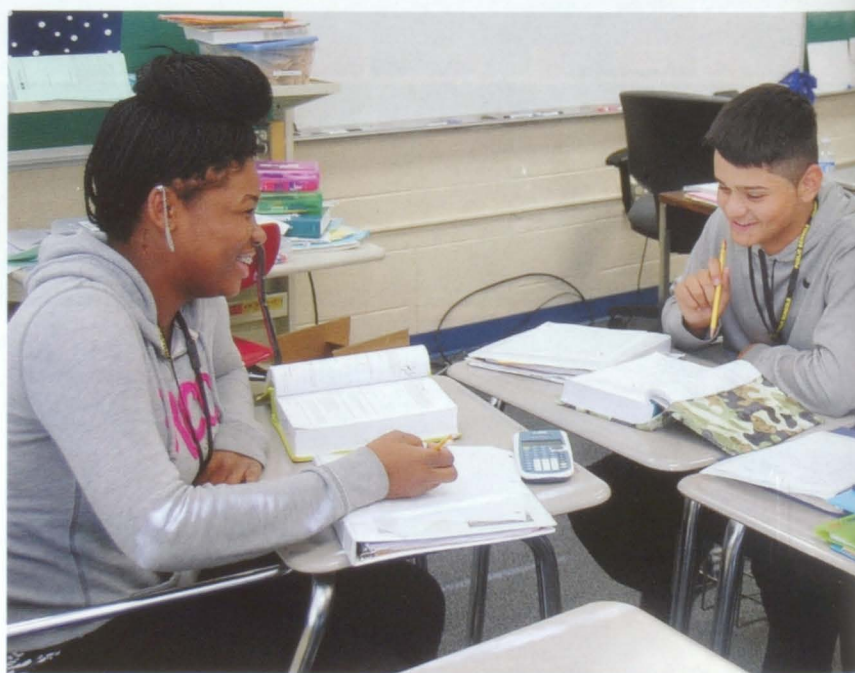


While trying to improve his version of the Frogger game, freshman Sam Stassin tweaks with the codes of the characters movements. "We mainly design games and play with robots during this class. It's pretty amazing being able to design some games," said Stassin.

As they eat a well decorated cake, freshmen Giselle Valentin and Nina Mendoza laugh during lunch. "For biology, we had to make a diagram of the cell, but instead of doing a poster I decided to be creative and design a cake to look similar to the cell," said Valentin.



Smiling while working, freshman Julian Rutherford and sophomore Antonia Williams work in a group to solve a math problem. "Geometry honors is pretty challenging, but being able to work in groups during class helps me understand more," said Rutherford.





Trenton Pulliam
Sarah Purcell
Gabrielle Quintana
Devin Rafferty
Hannah Ramirez
Paige Ramirez



Laura Reid
Samantha Rettie
Justice Ricchio
Christian Rivera
Jada Roberson
Trace Robertson



Adrian Rodriguez
Angelika Rodriguez
Anthony Rodriguez
Hugh Rogers
Jasmine Russell
Julian Rutherford



Anna Saberniak
Brianna Saucedo
Christian Schafer
Alicia Schoon



"Some of the tests were hard while others weren't as challenging. For the most part, you take notes in world history which doesn't bother me," said freshman Chris Mares. Mares studiously copies notes from the powerpoint projected at the front of the class.

Guide of the Basics



"Being in sports can either hurt or help your grades. I play soccer and swim. I feel that even if you can't finish your schoolwork the night before, it's better to turn it in not completed than not at all."

Veronica Matthews, 9

"I'm in a couple AP classes as a freshman which I think is going to benefit me later on in high school. As long as you do the work you are given in high school and get your credits it shouldn't be that difficult."

Thomas Perez, 9



"High school is different from middle school because it's more difficult. You have to work hard and you can't slack. English is one of my least favorite classes, while math is my favorite because it's interesting."

Makenna Sons, 9

"I try my best to pay attention and do my homework, but sometimes it is very hard to stay focused. One of my favorite classes is Spanish I. I'm not sure if I can speak it very well, but I still enjoy the class."

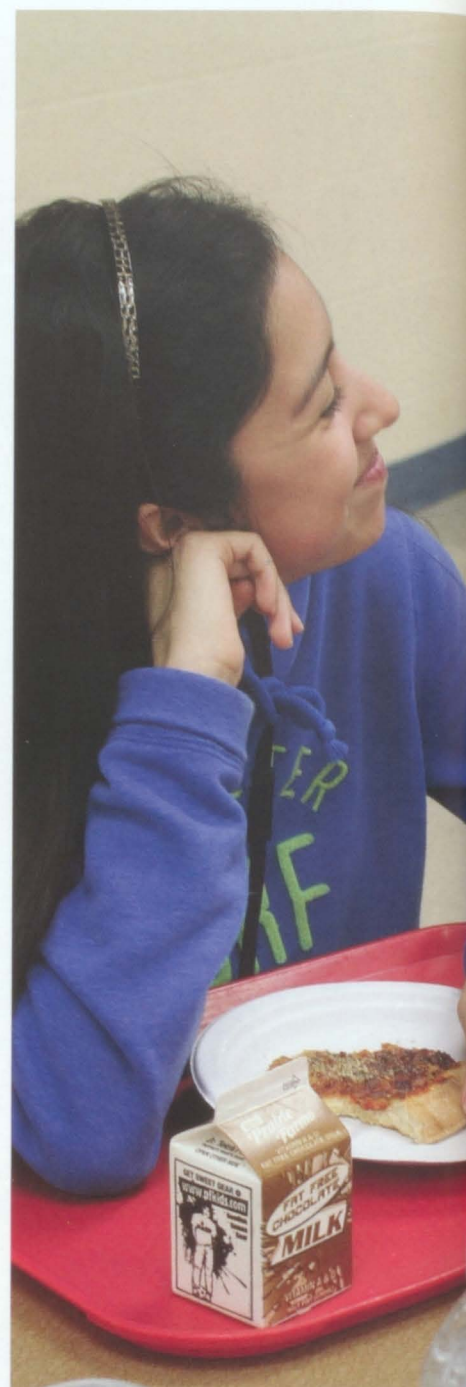
Kyle Sutton, 9



Taking a break from their classes, freshman Garrett Zambo walks down the Willy Wonka hallway with one of his friends and heads to lunch. "Lunch is my favorite time of the day. It gives me time to relax and occasionally do my homework," said Zambo.



On February 27, all GHS students got to spend a half hour in the fieldhouse for college and career day. Freshman Sarah Purcell decided to stop at South Suburban College's table. "It was kind of odd looking at colleges, but it's good to start planning ahead," said Purcell.



Breanne Shipp
Lacey Shipp
Mikensie Shultman
Sierra Slaven
Anthony Slawikowski
Courtney Smith
Yamia Smith



Hunter Smolen
Makenna Sons
Mekhi Stanford
Jennie Stas
Samuel Stassin
Zachary Steele
Alizjah Stokes



Luke Sutherland
Kyle Sutton
Grace Szymanski
Matthew Thomas
Derion Unger
Jaylene Valdivia
Rafael Valencia



While sitting and smiling at lunch, freshmen Leslie Leon-Aguilar and Jolie Dunn use their break from classes to catch up on each other's day. "I love having lunch with Jolie. We're always laughing and just enjoying our time outside of class," said Leon-Aguilar.

First Year Expectations



"Going into high school, I had some pretty simple goals set for myself. I wanted to get all A's and B's for the year so I could make the honor roll. I also wanted to make new friends from each of my classes. When the end of the year came, I was happy because I maintained my goal of getting good grades."

Mark Whitlock, 9

"I was expecting my very first year of high school to be hard mainly because I was put into a lot of sophomore and junior level honors classes. As the year went on, I realized that it was fairly easy as long as I continued to pay attention in class, ask questions when I was confused, and do my homework."

Grace Szymanski, 9



"I never knew what to expect when I would think about going into freshman year. I knew some classes were going to be interesting, but I was surprised when I enjoyed every class that I had. Plus, the teachers were great. My goal was to keep my grades up and hopefully get a good scholarship by the end of high school."

John Lawson, 9



Giselle Valentin
Zackary Valiquet
Jesus Vazquez
Leah Vuckovich
Deleah Walker
Tayvien Walker
Marrissa Walter

Erica Ward
Dejauvia Ward Hickman
Laurese Webster-Stephen
Daniel Welch
Mark Whitlock
Damian Wilfong
Jahmara Williams

Megan Wilson
Zechariah Winchester
Fredrick Winston
Garrett Zambo
Kevin Zaragoza

Faculty



Teachers participate in a tug-of-war game versus the seniors at the homecoming pep rally. "For a while we didn't have games at our pep rallies because of student behavior, but we brought it back this year and involved the teachers," said student council sponsor Jenna Berzy.

Demonstrating to his class, ceramics teacher Jim Graff explains to his students how to use the pottery wheel. "The wheel can be challenging, but with practice it can be mastered. Students that are patient and persistent can master it quicker," said Graff.



Kristin Anderson
Brenda Bonewits
Mike Brown
Dennis Bunda
Mary Kahls
Jenna Candiano
Teresa Carstensen
Christine Chidichimo

Kristina Collard
Lauren Culp
Ray Davis
Melissa Diekelmann
Michele Duffala
James Ford
Ben Geffert
Peter Ghrist

Tom Golumbeck
Grayling Gordon
Jim Graff
Lorraine Hageman
Cindy Jursic
Jennifer Kocon
Debbie Korak
Darcy Lamb





Amanda Madison
Shana Matz
Keith Mitchell
Rich Morgan
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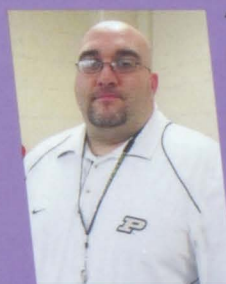
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Janette Vehrs-Snelson
Jane Villaroman
Julie Wencloff
Mike Worosz
Chris Wroblewski



Art teacher Maggie Rivera shows the students in art club how to cut up old t-shirts to make t-shirt yarn. "I wanted to do a project with my students to make a giant quilt with all the t-shirts we cut up. We cut up quite a lot of shirts," said Rivera.

Why Teaching?



"I wanted to be a teacher because I like to help others. I also tutored a lot of students. While I was a student in high school I helped a girl and her grade went from an "F" to a "B". I thought this was the job for me. I'm glad I went through with it."

James Ford, Spanish

"I chose to be a teacher because I enjoy math and teaching it and trying to explain it so that students can truly understand it. It is a challenging field to be in because it requires you to keep a sharp mind and be ready for anything."

Rich Morgan, math



"When I was in high school, I loved science, but hated chemistry. When I went to college I originally wanted to be a scientist. I just kind of ended up falling into teaching. I didn't know how much I'd love teaching before I did it though."

Jane Villaroman, science

In focus, junior Marissa Mendoza pays attention and diligently takes notes in her AP psych class. "I love having AP psych because it's interesting to learn exactly how the brain works and how people's thought-process is executed in their day-to-day lives," said Mendoza.



OUR Year

The student section gets hyped as Griffith's basketball team makes a basket at the December 9th game. The theme of the night was Christmas and the students showed up decked out in Christmas colors, sweaters and santa hats. The crowd chanted, wishing their team to victory.



Every year we see the same familiar faces and some new ones. Going to dances, sporting events and hanging out on the weekends brought us together.

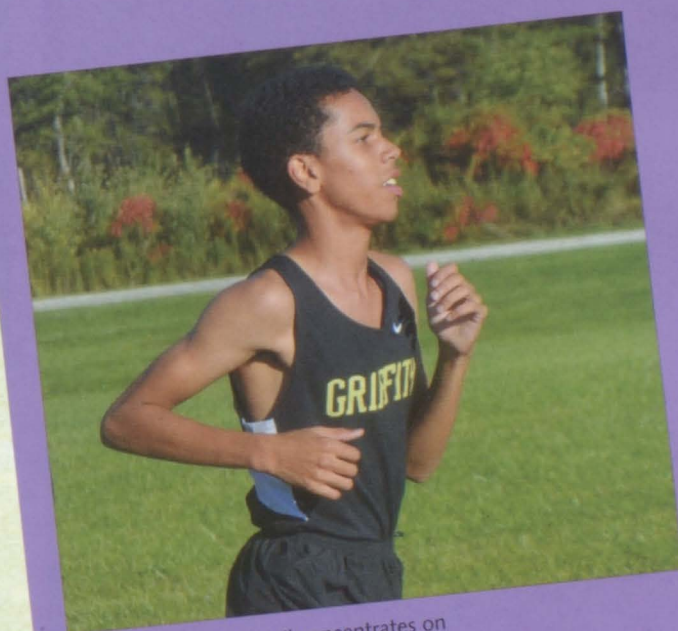
"High school is the best four years of our lives and I plan on making the most of it and every single day that passes by," said senior Alexander Kepchar.

Teams stood by each other, encouraged and cheered each other on to victory. We watched our teams go to sectionals and some, like freshman Trinity Austin, went even as far as going to state. The student section picked themes like American, Hill-Billy, white-out and rushed out to go chant and cheer, rooting for Griffith's very own.

We supported our sports teams through thick and thin, witnessing losses and triumphant wins. We watched each other grow, made memories at games and dances, and laughed until our stomachs hurt. We roamed the halls and made our mark on Griffith High School.



Finding the perfect position for her to try to get a hole-in-one, sophomore Heather Steele, putts her golf ball. "I loved getting to know the new members on the team and bonding with them on the way to away games," said Steele.



Sophomore Zack Keil concentrates on his running at cross country's last home meet. "I love the long runs and the people on my team, I'm glad I joined," said Keil. The season ended with the team going to sectionals, regionals, and freshman Trinity Austin going to state.

Football

Getting ready for kick off, the boys prepare themselves for the next play against the Highland Trojans. "Paying attention to what play comes next is very important. You never want to be lost in the game because of something simple," said junior Christian Benjamin.

Under the Lights

The Griffith football team works very hard every year, they practice in the summer heat every day but Sunday's for four months. Even though the Panthers didn't get the season they wanted, they all worked together everyday in hopes of winning games.

"Yes, the season didn't go as we wanted but since its my senior year, I made the most of it and just had a blast with my friends on the field for the last time," said senior Matt Miller.

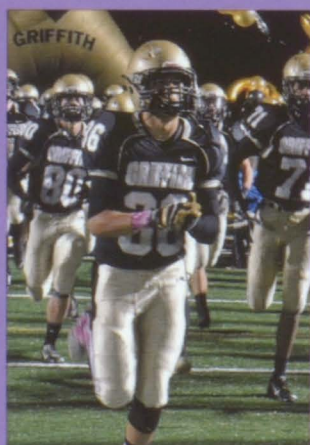
These four months of football mean everything to the boys; especially the seniors who only get to play on the field one last time. The usual Friday night would be under the lights and on the turf for another opponent to play against the Panthers. However, for this year, the boys were prepared for anything that comes their way.

Player Profile

Senior Nathyn Sierra was one out of four people chosen to play for a football game in Australia. In the middle of summer Sierra will be taking a 16 hour flight across seas to play in the biggest game of his life. After his time in Australia, Sierra will take another flight to Hawaii for some vacation time and get away from everything for three days. "Its such an amazing opportunity to be chosen to play in this game. I can't wait for the day to come where I'm on that plane on my way Australia to do what I love doing. Working hard really does pay off, this just proves that never giving up is worth it," said Sierra.



Nathyn Sierra, 12



Ready for the next play the panthers get set up to put another point on the score board to the win the game against Bowman high school. "Even though we're on a losing streak, it's still invigorating to be on the field playing the game," said senior William Jarrells.



The Griffith Panthers football team takes the field, mentally prepared for the emotionally and physically challenging game, and also trying to get a win for the record. "Football was especially hard this year, and I'm pretty glad that it's over," said senior Robbie Hernandez.

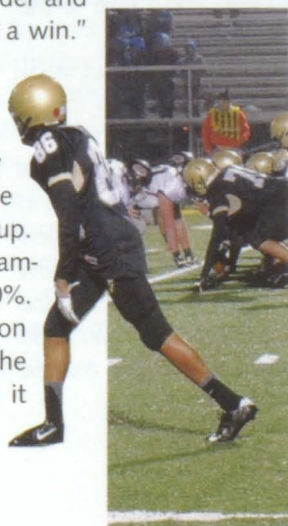
Running onto the turf for another Friday night game, the Panthers take all the energy in from the fans to get started. "The fans this year were so hyped they made us want to try harder and harder for that win," said senior Antonio Suarez.

Out with a bang

The Griffith Panthers ended the season with a win against Bowman Highschool 54-8.

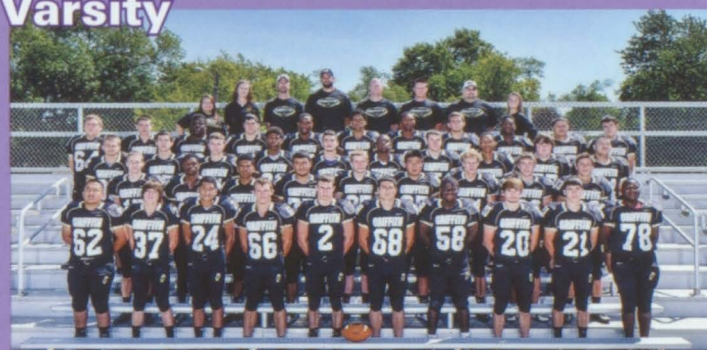
"I wish the season would've went a little better and maybe with a little bit more wins, but sticking together as a team kept us motivated to just working harder and harder everyday. I'm just glad we got a win," said junior Nick Conti.

Getting pumped up before a game is very important. It helps the boys get ready, motivated, and mentally prepared for the game. That's why the boys listen to music while warming up. The Bowman game is such a great example of never giving up and giving 110%. The team stuck it through the season and got the win for the last game of the season despite the odds saying that it wouldn't happen.



Bryan Smith, 12

Varsity



Row 1 Norberto Nunez, Elias Lopez, Jared Cottrell, William Jarrells, Matt Miller, Nicholas Mosqueda, Jorge Robinson, Evan Masters, Luke Broelmann, Tyrone Freeman
Row 2 Josh Miller, Christian Benjamin, Jacob Cottrell, Antonio Garcia, Jason Munsey, Ryan Kong, Trevor Losiniecki, Alec Seberger, Robert Hernandez
Row 3 Collin Sutton, Blake Megquier, Tim Cichon, Khalil Carter, Antonio Suarez, Lawrence Mosley, Troy Cullen, Brian Smith, Boris Sanders, Julian Molina
Row 4 Nick Conti, Joey Martocchio, Cameron Gordon, Mike Alonzo, JaVon Quarles, Marcus Marsenic, James Johnson, Jared Lipski, JaMal Quarles, Michael Torres, Cameron Crowe
Row 5 Madison Watts, Jessica Wallie, Coach Wolfe, Coach Geffert, Coach Pickett, Coach Rayson, James Ford, Emily Herron

Varsity:

Morton	15-50
Wheeler	21-38
Hobart	20-61
Lowell	26-48
Kankakee Valley	10-35
Munster	13-38
Highland	20-34
Andrean	19-52
Bowman Academy	54-8

Score:

Sectionals:

Lowell	7-49
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Varsity



Row 1: Jacob Damski, Noah Duvnjak, Keith Hernandez, Matt Potacki, Justin Moyo, Andrew Vera, Cameron Bobos
Row 2: Nathan Szabo, Jose Gonzalez, Cesar Rodriguez, Cristian Haddock, Jordan Galindo, Shawn Falstrom, Daniel Perez
Row 3: Ron Knestrict, Marc Alvarez, Eddie Land, Jordan Avalos, Jake Kamaski, Adrian Lopez, Luke Pospychala, Matt Plawewski

Varsity:

	Score:
Gavit	9-2
Morton	0-1
Wheeler	4-0
Hobart	1-2
Lowell	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-1
Munster	0-2
Highland	1-2
Andrean	2-1
Clark	3-1
Bishop Noll	2-0
Michigan City	0-3
Portage	1-0
East Chicago	1-1
LaPorte	0-5

Sectionals:

Gavit	7-0
Lake Central	0-4

Relying on his teammates to keep the ball on Andrean's side of the field, senior Noah Duvnjak gets ready to get open for a pass. "Even though we didn't go as far as I wanted to, my senior year soccer season was the best out of my four years," said Duvnjak.



"I knew that this could be my last game so I had to play my hardest and leave it all on the field. I wish I could go back and play all over again; this season went by too fast," said senior Eddie Land. The boys cool down their emotions and bodies after Sectionals.

Squabbling with the Indians

In the beginning of October, the boys knew Sectionals were right around the corner. All their hard work over the summer and season all showed at this time. "I felt nervous on my way to the game, but once I got on the field, I felt accomplished," said freshman Justin Moyo. For their first sectional game they played Gavit, which they beat 7-0. This led them into the Sectional Final where they had to play Lake Central. The school set up a fan bus that students could take to the game to support the team.

Once the game started, both teams came out ready to play. By half time, the score was 0-2 with the Indians in the lead. Halfway through the second half of the game, right after LC scored their 3rd goal, tensions were running high. This caused a match to break out in the midfield. As a result of this, three of Griffith's players received red cards while one LC player received a yellow card. The boys had to play short-handed the rest of the game. "I felt salty after the game because we had a bad loss with all our fans there," said junior Marc Alvarez. The final score of the game was 0-4.

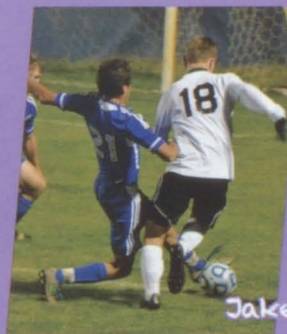


Boys Soccer



While his teammates struggle to get open, sophomore Keith Hernandez searches for the best opportunity to throw in the ball. "I had a good season this year. I can't wait until next year to get back with my boys and hit the pitch," said Hernandez.

Season Memories



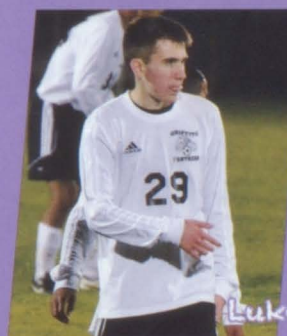
"Thinking back on the whole season, I remember the Ohio tournament the most. I got to spend a lot of time with my team at a hotel and it was pretty unforgettable; it was filled with crazy jokes and excitement. We also played well in our games. I'm looking forward to going back next year."

Jake Kamaski, 11

"I remember playing Andean at our home turf. We were tied 1-1 with 15 minutes left in the game. I remember scoring the winning goal, which led us to beat Andean during the season. I felt very accomplished scoring the winning goal."



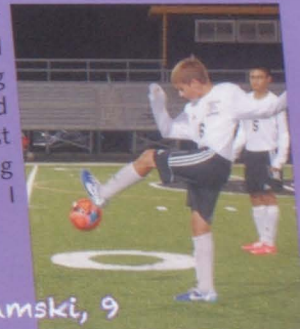
Cesar Rodriguez, 12



"The most memorable event that happened this season was tying KV with 21 seconds left in the game. Since it was a conference game we had to go into a shoot-out. It felt great to beat KV in a shoot-out. The whole team stormed the field when the last penalty kick was taken. It was the best sports moment of my life."

Luke Pospychala, 10

"The best part of my freshman year was the Lafayette tournament and the pasta nights. At the daylong tournament I got to have fun and hang out with my team. At my first pasta night, I remember getting pranked multiple times because I was a freshman."



Jacob Damski, 9

Shooting for success

In the beginning of January 2014, the boys started lacing up their indoor shoes to start conditioning. The boys practiced hard once, or sometimes twice, a day during the summer to help prepare for the upcoming season. During the summer, they went to three tournaments which gave them some good competition. They came into the season prepared and ready to play. "I felt confident about the season because we worked really hard over the summer and had many skilled players, both new and returning, coming in," said senior Jordan Avalos.

The season didn't start off as well as the boys would've hoped. But by their fourth game, the Panthers finally got their rhythm. This helped them pull off three wins and a tie. The season was filled with many wins, losses, and one tie. Not only did the Panthers dominate some teams, but they were also dominated by other teams.

They ended their season 8-6-1 overall, and 3-3 for conference. "We practiced and played hard throughout the whole season; even though we didn't get the outcome we wanted, I'm proud of the team," said junior Jose Gonzalez.



Girls Soccer

Huddled and ready to play, the girls put their hands in before the start of the home game against Hobart. "In the huddle, the starting players try to mentally prepare for the game. We give advice or tell jokes to lighten the serious mood," said senior Emily Morrison.

Blood, sweat, and tears

Mariah Fowler, 11



The Griffith High School girl's soccer team had a short roster for the fall 2014 season. Only fourteen girls filled the varsity bench with a few JV players that helped during some matches. With 11 starting on the field this left only three players to fill in. The short bench put a lot of pressure on the varsity team. The girls worked hard with practices Monday through Friday for a couple hours during the summer and after school. "No matter how hard the games and practices could be we all encouraged and pushed each other to do our best no matter what," said junior Mariah Fowler. The girls started the season with a winning streak for the Lady Panthers, but over time a few of the players faced injuries. Some were minor, while others would cost them the rest of the season.



Understanding Soccer

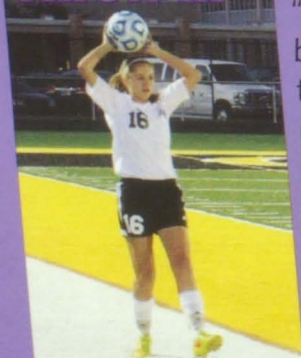
First Touch



"One thing my coaches really pushed us to do is practice our first touches. This skill can help with control on the ball and get an advantage over other teams. With a good first touch the ball will stay at your foot and then you can take it in the direction desired."

Michelle Beck, 10

Throw In



"When the ball is kicked out of bounds on the length of the field, the team receives a throw in. This is when a player is allowed to pick up the ball and throw it down field. This gives the team a chance to push the ball further down the field and closer towards the goal."

Breanna Hamilton, 10





Breaking in the new turf field during the home game against Bishop Noll High School, sophomore Megan Miller looks for a pass up field. "It was a hard season, but I'm proud of my team and our accomplishments. I think we will be even better next year," said Miller.

What is Life without goals?

The Lady Panthers worked hard to win a total of nine games and tie two. Only a few weeks before the first sectional game, the team received some bad news. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication in the athletic office. A student on the team moved to Griffith from Mexico and the proper paperwork for her to be eligible to play was not completed. When her name was submitted for the sectional roster the IHSAA noticed and titled junior Eva Solis an ineligible player. As a result that she was a varsity starter and played in every game, the Lady Panthers were forced to forfeit all of their wins.

This was heartbreaking news for not only the players, but the coaches and parents. "I felt robbed of everything we worked for, but I know that we truly won all of those games," said sophomore Rachel Kruhaj.

The girls continued to play hard and won more games after getting the devastating news. Team work and dedication helped the Panthers get through the obstacles they had to face throughout the season.

After announcing the names of the starting line up, the girls take the field. "I feel pumped and ready to go. Hearing the parents and fans clapping and cheering boost the energy level of our team and gets us ready for the games," said sophomore Bella Maglish.

At Merrillville High School on September 13th, junior Eva Solis helped with a competitive game against the Pirates. "It was a very cold day which made the game a lot harder to play. They were a physical team but we handled it well and got the win," said Solis.



Varsity



Row 1: Megan Miller, Lilyana Salazar, Bridget Beck, Michelle Beck, Marissa Perez, Gardenia Gonzalez
Row 2: Melanie Turner, Courtney Valentas, Marissa Walters, Eva Solis, Emily Morrison
Row 3: Walter Kudyba, Breanna Hamilton, Rachel Kruhaj, Bella Maglish, Megan Mann, Kira Lisle, Mariah Fowler, Don Curtis

Junior Varsity



Row 1: Melanie Vera, Hannah Ramirez, Daniella Ayala, Brooke Danielewicz, Gardenia Gonzalez
Row 2: Walter Kudyba, Veronica Matthews, Kira Lisle, Marissa Walters, Makenna Sons, Don Curtis

Varsity:

Bishop Noll
 Hobart
 Hanover
 Andean
 Wheeler
 Munster
 Lake Central
 Merrillville
 Kankakee Valley
 Highland
 Lowell
 Gavit
 Morton

Score:

5-0
 5-0
 8-3
 4-2
 1-1
 1-2
 0-8
 4-0
 2-0
 0-3
 2-1
 10-0
 3-1

Sectionals:

Lake Central 3-1



Varsity



Row 1: Kymberli Daniels, Bethany Brucer, Megan Madrigal, Talia Roldan, Erica Kik, Leyah Hodge, Allison Kumiega, Danielle Burge
Row 2: Jasmine Naper, Jennie Stas, Rhiannon Kozy, Erica Ward, Abigail Strauch, Alissa Sims

Junior Varsity



Row 1: Kymberli Daniels, Desaray Charbauski, Victoria Perez, Lacey Shipp, Skylar Davenport, Leah Dye, Danielle Burge
Row 2: Maxine Carroll, Courtney Smith, Sierra Slaven, Jessica Lopez

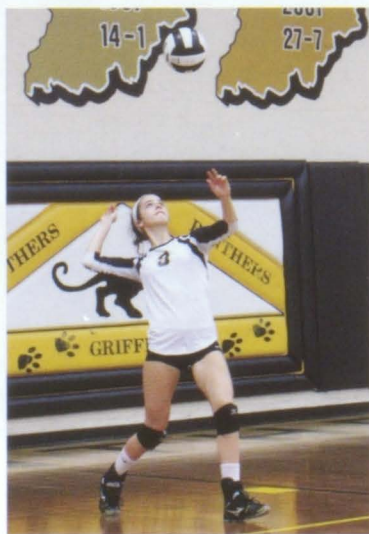
Varsity:

	Score:
Merrillville	0-3
East Chicago	3-0
Whiting	1-3
Hammond	3-0
Munster	0-3
Highland	0-3
Morton	3-0
Kankakee Valley	0-3
Lowell	0-3
Hanover Central	0-3
Munster	1-3
Highland	3-0
Gavit	0-3
Wheeler	0-3
Kankakee Valley	0-3
Bishop Noll	0-3

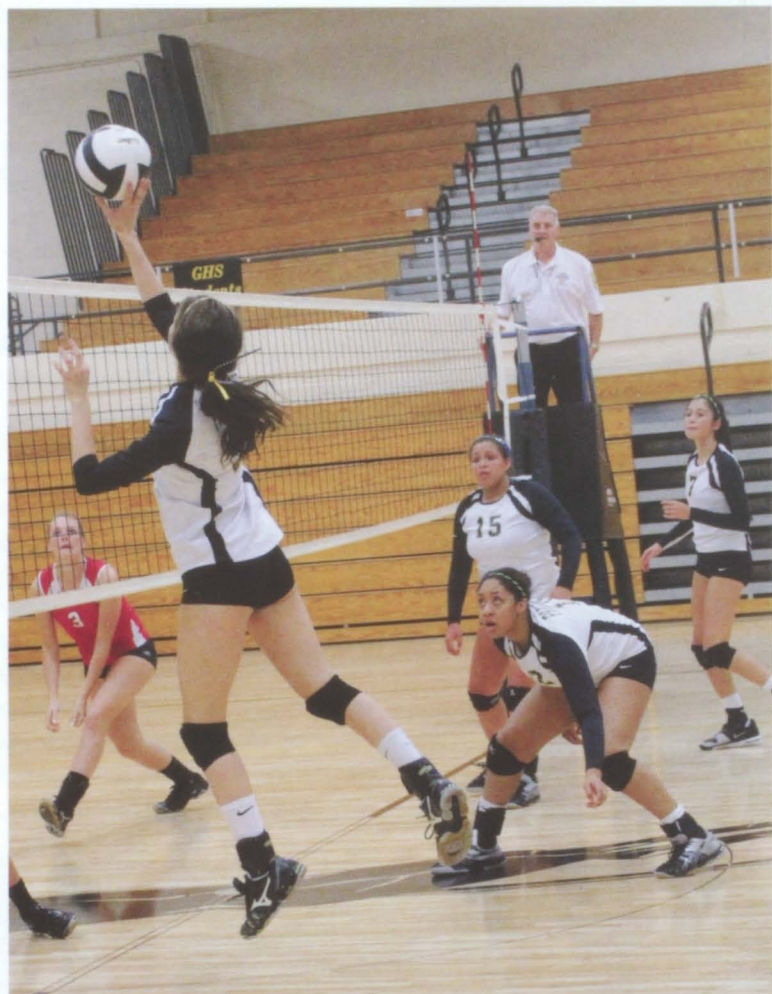
Sectionals:

Hammond	3-0
Gavit	0-3

"Serving is a huge part of the game and it can be the deciding factor of who wins. You need to have a good serve if you want to play well. Without serving, you might as well just give up," said junior Bethany Brucer while serving at a home game.



During the home game against Munster, junior Bethany Brucer spikes the ball over. "When a player is hitting it is very important to back up your teammate so if the other team hits the ball over right away, I will be there to hit it," said sophomore Leyah Hodge.



Another year of new coaches

This was the second year in a row that girls' volleyball was introduced to new coaches. The team had to adjust to a new style of training all over again.

"Having different coaches for two years in a row was both a challenge and a learning experience. It was hard adjusting to new coaches and what they expected from us. I wasn't able to get to know my coaches freshman year so I hope that these coaches decide to stay so I can get to know them more and continue getting better at the sport. I really liked the coaches this year and I feel like everyone benefitted from having the new coaches because we learned more and improved a lot," said sophomore Megan Madrigal. Madrigal enjoyed this season with these coaches and hopes to have more memorable times ahead.

"It was stressful because every coach has different techniques and rules that we had to adjust to over and over again. The coaches had me play in different positions, some I didn't even like, but I did it so that the coaches could get used to how I play. I would have liked it if I had Coach Burge and Coach Daniels every year because I feel like I improved a lot with them as my coaches, but in the end it was a good learning experience," said junior Allison Kumiega.

A majority of the team felt like they improved from last year to this year. The coaches from this year plan on coming back for the next few years and are looking forward to getting to know the team more and having new future players.

Volleyball

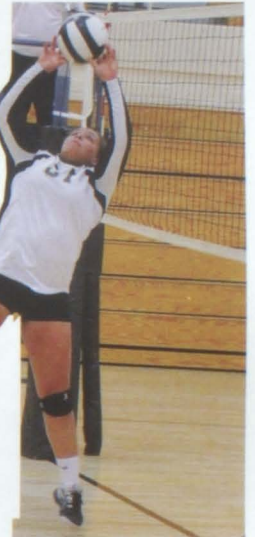
Freshmen on varsity

There were two freshman on the varsity team this year, Jennie Stas and Erica Ward. Stas played strictly on varsity while Ward was double-rostered. They both played volleyball before playing for the high school.

"Even though I have been playing club volleyball for a few years now, I was not expecting to make varsity my freshman year. When I made the team and I found out that I was only on varsity I was even more shocked. I had such a great time this season and it was a learning experience. I can't wait until next year and I hope to stay on varsity until my senior year," said Stas.

"It was very intimidating at first because everyone was older than me and have played longer. I didn't even think that I was going to play on varsity this year," said Ward.

While the players get ready for the next game, coach Danielle Burge gives varsity a pep talk. "I like when coach talks to us in between games because she gives us the advice we need to be better in the next game," said sophomore Abigail Strauch.



Jennie Stas, 9



Facing Highland at their home court, the team scored a win. "My position is a middle. I worked hard this season to achieve specific goals. Blocking was definitely my favorite thing and I even got a few nose bleeds because I blocked a few balls with my face, but it was worth it in the end," said junior Erica Kik.

What it takes to be a...

Captain



"A captain is the leader and the backbone of the team. You motivate the team and stay positive no matter what. Not many people can lead a team. You have to treat your team with respect and they should be able to trust you as well. Being a captain is an honor and it's not something to take advantage of."

Rhiannon Kozy, 12

"When the main captain is angry or upset it is my job to have a good attitude and raise everyone's mood to get them prepared for the game or practice. I try to stay up-beat and help the captain get the team in game mode. During the season I tried my best to be a good role model to the rest of the team."

Alissa Sims, 11

Captain



Libero



"Being a libero is hard-work and you have to be very passionate about the sport, but I love it. Plus, I get to wear a different colored jersey. A libero is like the eyes and mouth of the court and you don't stop moving. I get bruises and burns, but that means that I tried my best to get to every ball."

Maxine Carroll, 10

Cross Country

Taking it one mile at a time

A cross country team isn't complete until at least 90 plates of pasta have been devoured, until a race has been run in either the scorching heat or freezing cold, and until we couldn't decide if the runners were crying or if it was just the rain pouring down their face. This year, the cross country team expanded with the

introduction of 6 freshmen. The team broke records and improved both physically and mentally. The team broke records and improved both physically and mentally. This year, the team moved up the scale at invites, including the Highland Invite, placing in the top 5, one of their biggest accomplishments this season. The team also placed 5th at Conference, 4th at Sectionals, and 7th at Regionals. "I'm extremely proud of my team this season. We have improved so much together as a team and I know that next season we will push ourselves to advance past regionals," said sophomore Dara Meece.

Dara Meece, 10



Road to State

Freshman Trinity Austin made history at Griffith for cross country. She placed 8th in sectionals, 10th in regionals, 25th in semi-state, and 150th in state. Her personal record, or PR, for this year was 19:54, which she achieved at sectionals. She is often compared to her sister, former cross country and track star Taylor Austin. Many say that she is picking up her footsteps and is proud to do so. Austin plans to make it to state all throughout high school and to get 19 minutes flat as her PR while competing with Griffith. "I am extremely proud of all my accomplishments this year, especially advancing to state. I hope to compete at state all throughout high school", said Austin.



Trinity Austin, 9



As the team stretches out, they mentally prepare themselves for the race. "One of our mottos this year is that running is 90% mental and 10% physical. So if you believe that you can really do it, you can. I tell this to myself before every meet," said junior Logan Sammons.

Running together, senior Brittany Burbridge, sophomores Dara Meece and Zach Keil take their home course with a breeze. "The only thing I don't like about our home course is the big hill we run up twice, but running together makes it easier," said Burbridge.



"I like home courses at Oak Ridge Prairie because I'm so used to them and we occasionally come here to practice. So it's nothing new to me, unlike some courses that are difficult to run since I've never ran them before," said senior Jessica Leslie at the meet vs. Andean.

Varsity



Row 1: Thomas Perez, Gabriella Endres, Dara Meece, Shannon Scheidel, Logan Sammons, Jessica Leslie, Brittany Burbridge

Row 2: Megan Perkovich, Trinity Austin, Zech Winchester, Elizabeth Perkovich, Leslie Leon, Alejandra Leon

Varsity:

Gavit Invite
Munster/Lowell
EC/Morton
Highland
Lowell Invite
Hobart/KV
New Prairie Invite
Andean
Morton Quad
Highland Invite
Conference

Score:

6th out of 18 teams
M-17 G-46; L-21 G-30
G-15; M-40 G-17
H-33 G-33
11th out of 23 teams
H-23 G-36; KV-33 G-26
18th out of 32 teams
A-27 G-32
1st
4th out of 20 teams
5th out of 7 teams

Sectionals:

4th place

Regionals:

7th place

90% mental, 10% physical

The cross country team this year was able to advance into Regionals, placing 4th out of 13 teams. Regionals was held at Lemon Lake on October 8th. "Regionals was amazing. I'm proud of my improvement and I hope to return to regionals again next season and even advance into semi-state," said sophomore Zach Keil. Keil placed 31st at sectionals and 75th at regionals. The team placed 7th at Regionals, but freshmen Trinity Austin and Maegan Perkovich advanced to semi state, Austin placing 10th and Perkovich placing 12th. "I've put so much effort in every practice and every race, so I'm glad that my hard work has paid off. I hope to advance to state next season," said Perkovich. Semi state was held at New Prairie on October 25th. Perkovich placed 88th and Austin placed 25th, Austin advancing to state. State was held at Terra Haute on November 5th, where Austin placed 150th.

Before each meet, the team joins in a huddle and gives some encouraging words. "In our huddle, we crack jokes to shake off the nervousness of the race. We also give each other some words of advice so we feel confident for the race," said freshman Thomas Perez.

Varsity



Row 1: Collin Pascoe, Giovanni Posley, Zach Diamond, Aaron Brown
Row 2: Jacob Adams, Brett Tauber, Josh Zoran, Connor Pascoe, Greg Copp

Varsity:

	Score:
Portage	3-2
Calumet	5-0
E.C. Central	5-0
Lake Station	5-0
Highland	2-3
Kankakee Valley	5-0
Lowell	3-2
Andrean	4-1
Morton	2-3
Munster	2-3
Knox Invite	2nd place
Bishop Knoll	5-0
Hobart	5-0
Gavit	5-0
River Forest	4-1

Sectionals:

Calumet	5-0
Highland	3-2
Munster	0-5

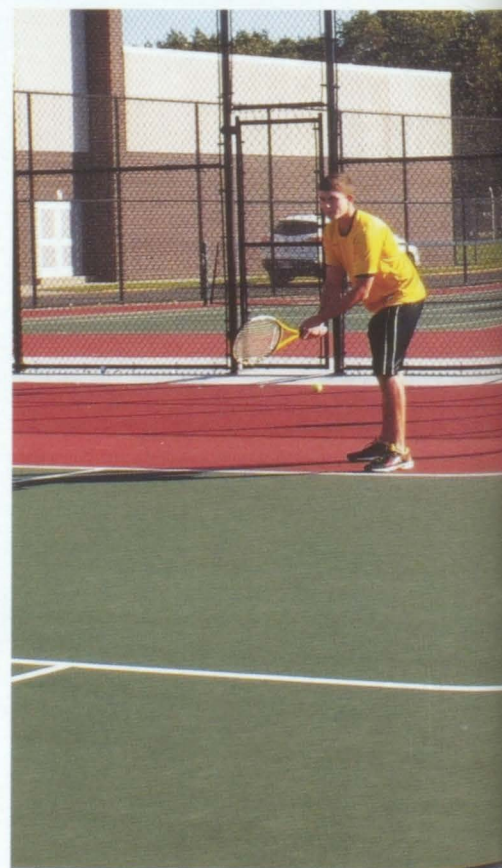
Beating the competition

Every year, the boys tennis team competes in tournaments and matches all around the region. This year, with their outstanding record, the team defeated many teams that weren't able to be defeated before. One team that the boys were eager to defeat was Highland high school. They achieved this goal through hard work and perseverance. "This year our team worked really hard on everything that we did and I'm really proud of all of us," said senior Brett Tauber. The boys went to Knox Invite with high hopes and a good record behind them. "We were all very anxious and excited to play in the Knox invite because of how good we had done in the previous matches," said senior Aaron Brown. This year the guys had a head turning record that would make any team proud. They only lost three matches and one sectional match. Every other game, resulted in a win for the team, and a boost in confidence. The official record of the team was 11-3. Every goal this year seemed to be achieved by the team, whether it was individual or as a team. "One of the big goals this year was to beat one of our biggest competitors, Highland. We didn't beat them at our match against them, but we came back at sectionals and beat them 3-2. That was a great feeling," said junior Connor Pascoe. Everyone was more than happy about the outcome of the season, especially the coach. "I'm really looking forward to next year. You never know what new boys will try out for the team and how we will do," said Harnew. After an exceptional season for the team, everyone is looking forward to next year and what new accomplishments it'll bring.

When asked about his season, senior Zach Diamond was more than excited to answer. "As far as I know, it was the best tennis team we've ever had here at Griffith. This season was pretty tough for places because everyone was so equally matched," said Diamond.



While doing doubles, juniors Jacob Adams and Brian Brzycki prepare for next years season. "This was only our first year on the team but we both had a great time and I'm glad that me and we worked really great together so I cant wait until next year," said Adams.



Boys Tennis



Servin' up wins

This year, the boys tennis team had their best season in years. They also did something that hasn't been done in over 30 years, beat Highland high school in sectionals. "It was a great feeling knowing that we did something that teams in the past didn't do," said junior Giovanni Posley. As far as the team goes, they were pretty evenly matched. "There was never a boring or unproductive practice because everyone always put 110 percent in," said senior Collin Pascoe. The team this year was coached by middle school geography teacher Mark Harnew. He's been the coach of the boy's tennis team for many years and says that he wants to keep coaching the sport he loves. "I've been the assistant coach for boys tennis for many years now but this is my first year as the head coach," said Harnew. Harnew is also the girl's tennis head and only coach. Every year this team strives for greatness and this year they have seemed to achieve it.

While getting ready to serve, junior Brian Brzycki talks about the season the boys had. "The season was overall one of the best. We beat Highland in sectionals which was a big goal for us. We haven't beat them in over 30 years so we were excited about it," said Brzycki.



Greg Copp, 11

Prepping for Success

Backhand



Jacob Adams, 11

Serve Prep



Zach Diamond, 12

Varsity



Row 1: Frank Azcona, Isaiah Martinez, Al Ervin, Torin Dillon, Ja'Von Quarles, Anthony Quintero, Lawrence Mosley, Kelston Haden

Row 2: Gary Hayes, Cornell Hampton, Anthony Murphy, Traves Arnold, Tremell Murphy, Anthony Harris, Joshua Terzari, Graylon Gordon

Junior Varsity



Row 1: Tray Boone, Greylon Teamer, Dontray Estelle, Sammy Issa, Matt McInerney

Row 2: Charles Flores, Khalil Carter, Marcus Marsenic, Jake Dye, LaDerrick Williams, Gregory Teamer, Mike Brown

Varsity:

Score:

Whiting	67-35
Hammond Clark	92-32
Gary 21st Century	71-62
Hammond Morton	70-28
Highland	55-17
Chicago Morton	49-56
Lake Station	73-45
Highland	66-25
Covington	64-56
Hanover Central	65-37
Hobart	70-37
Lowell	48-40
Hammond Gavit	74-26
East Chicago Central	46-78
Andrean	24-46
Munster	62-53

Sectionals:

Lighthouse CPA	83-58
Hammond Clark	76-45
Gary Roosevelt	80-53

Regionals:

Twin Lakes	64-52
South Bend St. Joseph	62-50

Semi-State:

Fort Wayne Dwenger	51-45
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State:

Guerin Catholic	56-62
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Before a game, Gary Hayes' number one goal is to talk to the basketball players about preparation. Hayes' second goal is to prepare the team mentally and make sure they have the correct attitude. He believes this will prepare them to play their best. "Basketball is a competitive sport," said Hayes.



The boys basketball team joins together before a game to give each other words of encouragement. "I was excited about how we were going to execute and win the Munster game. The proof of your desire is in your pursuit," said sophomore Al Ervin.

Boys' Basketball

Seasonal recovery

On Saturday, February 7, 2015, the boys basketball team took on the Hammond Wildcats at GHS. Before the game started, tensions were high between both teams and the mood didn't change at tip off. It was only a few minutes into the first quarter when a bench-clearing brawl broke out in the main gym. Junior Anthony Murphy was going down court with the ball for a dunk when Hammond's Tim Echoles fouled him so hard that he slammed into the padded wall. Immediately after the foul, players from both sides jumped off of their benches and spectators didn't hesitate to run onto the court. "I went up for a dunk and I blacked out for a few seconds. When I realized I was on the ground my brother was coming towards me, but then he was hit by another player," said Murphy. Punches were thrown and the game was not completed once the angry crowd of players and fans was calmed. Days later, Bobby Cox, the head of the IHSAA, took action against this incident by handing down a punishment that some refer to as the "death penalty." The decision included a suspension of all remaining games in the regular season, a \$500 fine paid to each school to compensate for the canceled away games, no tournament play, and a requirement to complete an online sportsmanship course. Players from both school's team served suspensions from the schools. "I felt that the five day suspension was enough. My teammates and I were upset by Bobby Cox's comments about not believing we deserved our season back," said junior Kelston Haden. Nearly a month after the punishment was established, Judge John Pena issued a temporary restraining order that allowed Griffith and Hammond to compete in the state tournament. Both teams were involved in the Class 3A Sectional, which was played at the Civic Center.



Anthony Quintero, 11



Favorite Opponents



"Munster is my favorite opponent because they're a good, competitive team. When we played against them this year, we tried to end their conference streak. Their basketball program is well organized and disciplined which makes them hard to beat, so the win was even better."

Frank Azcona, 12

"My favorite opponent was Covington because it was our first big accomplishment of the season. We played together as a team and didn't let them into our heads. My personal favorite opponent is Eugene German because he is competitive and not easily defended."

Isaiah Martinez, 11



GHS basketball players, students, and fellow supporters of the sport come together to cheer the boys basketball team on at a home Munster game. "It was a good experience to be on the court that day, it's always fun playing with my teammates," said senior Joshua Terzari.

Boys' Basketball



Concentrating on being the ball, Junior Anthony Murphy focuses on making his free throw in the basket. "The free throws are what really helped us win semi-state. I like to take my time and find the right angle so I know I make it in," said Murphy.

To make it to the basket and help win their first sectional game of the year, senior Anthony Harris makes his way stealthily down the court. "My objective when I'm playing, and the ball is in my hand, is to make it to the basket and score," said Harris.



The boys' basketball team gets pumped up for their first state game "Despite not winning, I am very proud of my team and myself," said senior Lawrence Mosley. This was the first time the boys' basketball team went on to play in the class 3A state game.



Cutting the net after his team won the regional championship against South Bend St. Joseph, assistant basketball coach Grayling Gordon celebrates with Panther fans and his team. Gordon has been the assistant coach for the boys' basketball team since 2013.

All smiles after winning Griffith's first boys basketball regional championship, the players pose for photos with their trophy. "It's crazy how far we went, but we all worked really hard to make it to regionals. We were all so excited," said junior Kelston Haden.



Gathering on the court after winning semi-state, the boys can barely control their excitement. "This win felt really good. After we won, our fans surrounded us on the court," said senior Frank Azcona. This was the first time Griffith's boys' basketball team won semi-state.

With victory in their hearts, the boys' basketball team clutch their sectionals trophy. After being granted to play in the sectionals tournament after having their season cancelled, Griffith went to play in the regional game and eventually go to semi-state.



Girls' Basketball

The wounded lineup

Any sport a student plays requires a lot of time and dedication not only during the season, but in the off season. Basketball is a winter sport but the players work on improving their skills all throughout the year. The team members that do not participate in a spring sport play in a spring league and continue to condition. Griffith High School also hosts a summer league for the team and other opponents.

All this hard work and dedication can lead to sore muscles, sprained ankles, and torn ligaments. "While I was playing on the court I didn't really think about my injuries because I knew that I had to keep playing. My injuries scared me at times, but I was still confident," said senior Courtney Bell. Throughout the season, the team suffered from a variety of injuries. "We won and lost as a team. We were there supporting each other throughout the entire season," said senior Taylor Strauch. Nevertheless, the girls pushed through their season despite their injuries.



Talia Rotkay, 10



Understanding Basketball



Free-throw

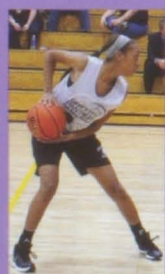
"A free-throw is when you get fouled by one of your opponents, which causes you to go to the free-throw line to shoot one, two, or three shots. Free-throws are mostly mental. You have to focus, have good form, and be confident."

Rachel Kruhaj, 10

Shooter

"A shooter is someone who shoots the ball at the basket to score points. Our team does many shooting drills throughout the year with a variety of scenarios. An example is shooting with a defender on you."

Rachel Deck, 10



Jab step

"A 'jab step' is a basketball move that's a great technique to create space between you and the defender. Right before you dribble you are in a standstill position while your pivot leg performs a forward jabbing motion."

Damiena Rodgers, 12



Trying to blow past one of her opponents from Hanover Central, senior Jasmine Naper sets her team's offense up. "Coach Golumbeck wants us to push the ball up the floor as much as we can to set up and start our plays for our offense," said Naper.

While getting prepared for one of their home games, sophomore Talia Roldan and senior Taylor Strauch high five each other while the starting lineup is called. "Before the games I try not to overwhelm myself. The lineup helps me prepare and get excited," said Roldan.



Varsity



Row 1: Jasmine Naper, Robyn Helton, Lilyana Salazar, Courtney Bell, Rachel Deck, Desarae Garcia, Gabby Hamm

Row 2: Damiena Rodgers, Rachel Kruhaj, Taylor Strauch, Talia Roldan, Kacie Kruhaj, Gabby Endres, Alex Colomes

Junior Varsity



Row 1: Kaelyn Price, Sierra Slaven, Trinity Austin, Grace Szymanski

Row 2: Leah Dye, Victoria Perez, Destiney Phipps, Bria Harris-Smith, Kayla Piper, Skylar Davenport, Abbie Strauch

Varsity:

Lake Central
River Forest
Wheeler
Hobart
Morton
Hebron
Rensselaer
Andrean
Munster
Portage
Gavit
Clark
Highland
Lowell
EC Central
Kankakee Valley
Hammond
Calumet

Score:

16-80
34-38
27-26
30-44
37-40
31-32
42-35
19-25
31-45
23-32
35-26
48-28
41-44
30-65
39-41
34-59
35-21
39-28

Sectionals:

Roosevelt **37-21**
Clark **47-2**
Lighthouse CPA **42-44**

The five starters, seniors Jasmine Naper and Courtney Bell and sophomores Talia Roldan, Rachel Kruhaj, and Lilyana Salazar, huddle before their game against Hobart on November 21st. "Every huddle before our games helped me calm down and focus," said Salazar.

Varsity



Row 1: Leandra Wimmer, Morgan Ladendorf, Camryn Linders, Sabrina Garcia

Row 2: Victoria Holtzer, Laura Reid, Renee Mierzwa, Abbey Dobosz, Teliya Loudener, Ali Schoon

Row 3: Dana Jelenski, Lily Maravilla, Kaitlynn Mang, Jillian Beaupain, Rachel Adams, Sara Novak

Varsity

Marian
Munster
Clark
Lake Central
Regionals
State

Pom

3rd
2nd
3rd
2nd
4th
7th

Shake your poms

The Pantherette team took on new changes this year beginning with almost all new team members and a new coach. Sara Novak, FACS department, took on the new team during the summer. Graduating from Ball State with a minor degree in dance, Novak was ready to take on this new challenge in her dancing career.

The Pantherette season is around 10-11 months long, starting out with football season in the fall and performing at basketball games. Throughout the winter season they competed on the weekends at various high schools in the region. Pantherettes practice three to four days a week for two and a half hours. This year the Pantherettes only competed in the Pom category. In the past, the team competed in the hip-hop category also. The Pantherettes learned their competition routine in October and began to compete in December. Competition season ended on March 14th with the state competition held at New Castle High School. The Pantherettes placed 7th out of 9 teams at state. "It wasn't exactly what we wanted, but it makes us want to come back stronger for next year," said junior Lily Maravilla.



Rachel Adams, 11

With the students roaring from the bleachers, the Pantherettes do their letter block at the Homecoming Pep-rally. "Dancing at the pep-rally is something I look forward to. We get high energy from the crowd and it makes our dancing better," said sophomore Karol Ames.

Although the rain started to come down as the Pantherettes took the field, it did not stop them from performing. "It was my first Homecoming game on the team and I wouldn't change it for anything. Despite the rain, we still did our best," said junior Teliya Loudener.



Pantherettes

Looking Back on the Season



"During the summer I was awarded the position of co-captain with Victoria Holtzer, and it was such a honor. Since this is my third year on the team, I was so proud to be given such a high title. It's been a great season even with the ups and downs. I'm excited to get back into it for next year."

Rachel Adams, 11

"This was my first season on the team and I had a great time. I made a lot of new friends and a lot of new memories. Doing competition can be really stressful, but it's rewarding when you place well at a competition. We've all worked hard this year. I can't wait until next season."

Sabrina Garcia, 11

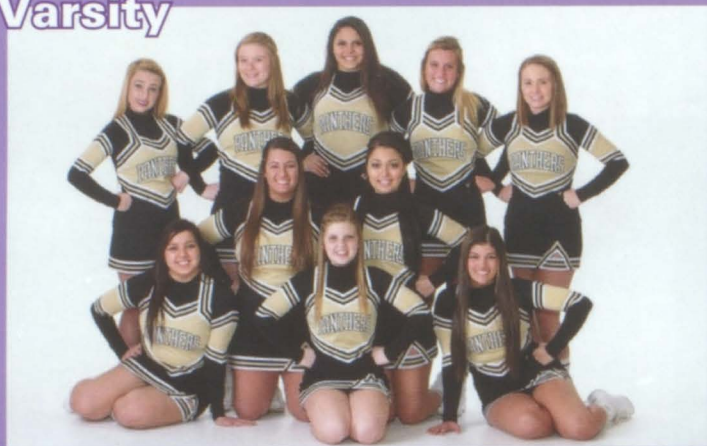


As the Pantherettes gather in one hotel room the night before state, they follow through with their yearly traditions. The senior(s) of the team write a letter to each member of the team reminiscing on the past year. During these traditions the team snacked on ice cream.

Marching in the Homecoming Parade, the Pantherettes walk alongside of the band playing the school song. "It was really cold the day of the parade so it made it hard to enjoy walking in the parade. The rest of the night turned out to be better," said junior Jillian Beaupain.



Varsity



Row 1: Arlynn Corona, Becca Carpenter, Christine Morikis

Row 2: Elizabeth Morikis, Lauren Vieyra

Row 3: Karli Taylor, Sam Bakker, Natalie Halley, Emilie Martocchio, Sarah Dodson

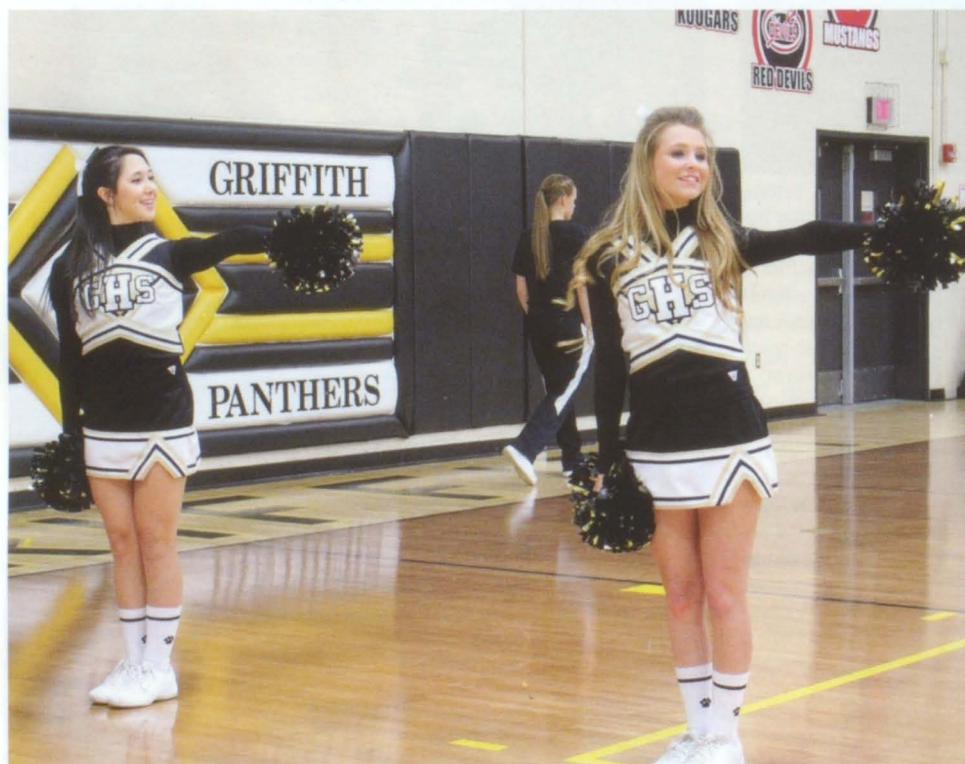
Junior Varsity



Row 1: Alexis Engle, Haley Gearhart

Row 2: Alexis Gardner, Kaylyn Perez, Justine Martinez

During the break between quarters of a boy's basketball game, the GHS cheerleaders took the floor to perform. "We spend a lot of time working on our performances. It's worth it when you hear the crowd cheering you on," said freshman Kaylyn Perez.



Before every game begins, the band plays the Griffith High School fight song and the cheerleaders dance along. "When I dance to the fight song along side the other cheerleaders I feel so much pride in my school and team," said freshman Haley Gearhart.

All smiles, senior Becca Carpenter cheers on the football team. "The season was bittersweet," said Carpenter, "the players had so much dedication, and cheering for them was so exciting. I will definitely miss cheering on those sidelines and I enjoyed my last year."



Cheerleading

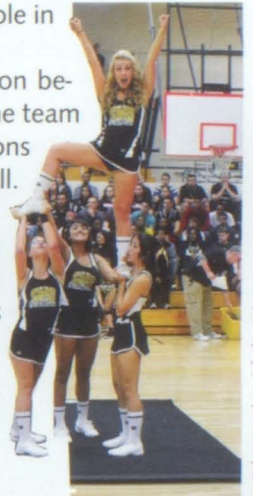
Cheering 'til the buzzer

Being a cheerleader brings responsibility. They're expected to pump up the crowd and cheer on the team with smiles on their faces despite the scoreboard.

"During football season, we have to cheer as long as the boys are playing. So if they play in the rain or snow, we cheer in it too," said freshman Alexis Engle. "When the kids in our school leave the game early and the only people in the stands are parents, we stay to support."

Cheerleading is a unique sport. Their season begins in May and ends the following March. The team works all summer, and follows with preparations for football season, and ends with basketball. The girls work year-round too.

"We've gone through some rough patches as a team," said captain and senior Emmy Martoccio, "I believe that those obstacles made our team stronger. We're all so close and we get along very well. I'm going to miss cheering next year, especially because this past season held so many memories and good times."



Cheerleaders

Football vs. Basketball



"I enjoy cheering during basketball season more than football season because the fans are into the game and are so fired up. The cheerleading team really had a close connection with the players this year and we stood behind them during a tough time. I think that's what being a Panther is about."

Karli Taylor, 11

"Football season is my favorite part of being a cheerleader. There is always anticipation during the week for that Friday night game. People are excited and get dressed up in funky themes. It's also the time for Homecoming and our Little Girl's Camp. A lot happens during football season that makes me love it."

Sarah Dodson, 12



"In my opinion, basketball is more interesting to watch and to cheer for. At the basketball games, everyone is so hyped and it's exciting. Our basketball team is really good so every game is like that. I like cheering for basketball too, because we cheer directly on the sidelines and we're close to the game."

Justine Martinez, 10



Bowling

Overview of the season

GHS bowlers participated in the Greater Lake County Conference once again and both teams improved significantly from the previous year. The boys' team finished with a 6-6 record, which earned them a fifth place finish in the conference. A successful post-season also followed the conclusion of their regular match play. They placed third in the team sectional on January 31 and qualified to compete in regionals. In addition to the team advancement, one bowler also moved on as an individual. The only boy seniors on the team this year were Mitch Burk and Mike Alonzo. As for the ladies, they finished second in conference with a record of 9-3. During the regular season, they were runner up at the Region Rumble event and their individual season averages qualified three varsity bowlers for the all-conference team. The girls fell short of qualifying for team regionals, but four individuals were eligible for the individual tournament: sophomore Ale Albanese, junior Kersten Collins, senior Samie Johnson, and freshman Erica Ward. As the season came to a close, the girls said goodbye to their only senior, Samie Johnson.



Gage Corbino, 11

Going Beyond Sectionals

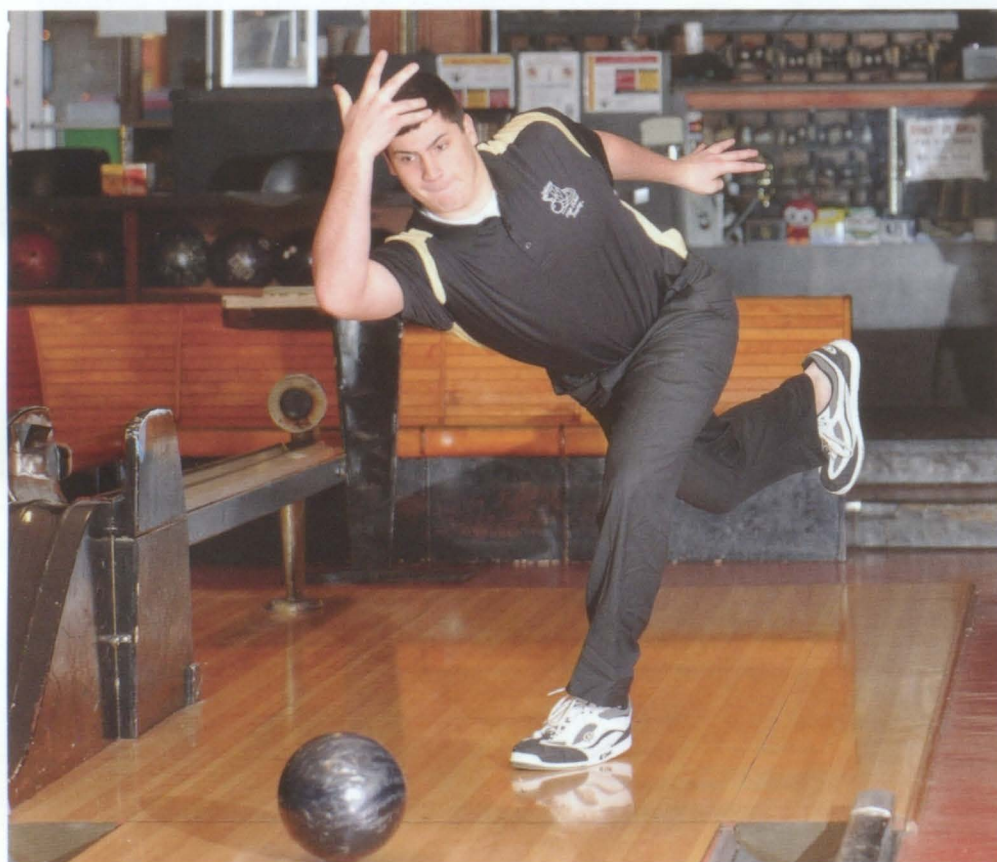
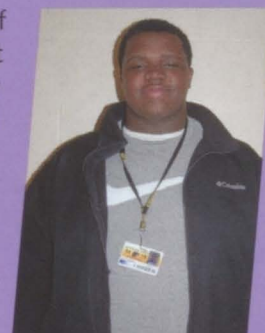


"It was a dream come true to make it to semi-state my freshman year. It definitely is a very nerve-racking thing being one of the only freshman competing against many other upperclassmen, but there was really no reason to be nervous because I had so many people that supported me through my whole journey. I'm looking forward to next season."

Erica Ward, 9

"This year, our team finally made it out of sectionals. We ended up finishing third out of twelve other boys teams. I was honestly so happy and I know that we really deserved it this year. The team has practiced so hard. When we got to regionals we fell short, but I couldn't be more proud of how much we succeeded through the year."

Giovanni Posley, 11

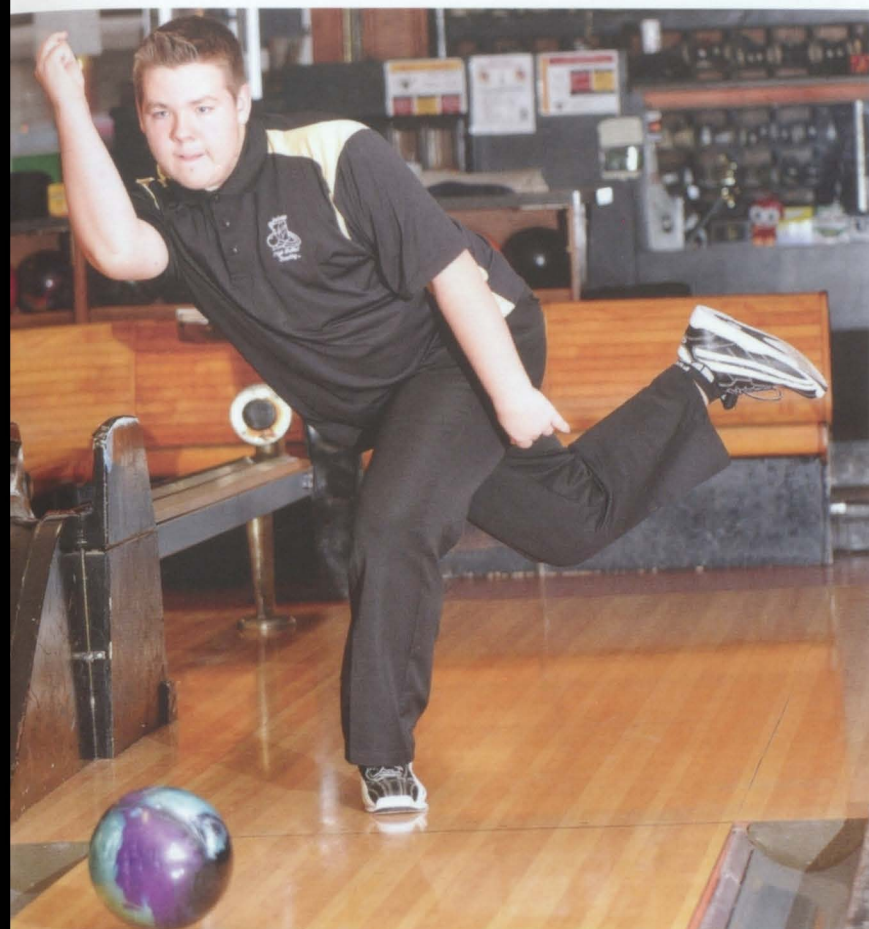


While at practice, senior Mike Alonzo works on following through his shot and hitting his mark on the lane. "Let me tell you, I will be missing a lot from bowling. I'll miss the competition, my coaches, my team members, and the friends I have made," said Alonzo.

During a match at Plaza Lanes, senior Samie Johnson speaks with her coach, Rick Woloszyn, about how to improve her strike shot on her next turn. "Coach is a very inspirational and funny guy. He does everything for us with 110% determination," said Johnson.



To improve his game, junior Andrew Bowman balances at the line to watch his shot. "It's so important to have good form at the line because that's what helps make a good shot. I think having stable balance at the foul line is a very big part in bowling," said Bowman.



Girls



Row 1:Yamia Smith, Ale Albanese, Samie Johnson, Taylor Grady

Row 2: Linda Olszewski, Laura Slayton, Kersten Collins, Erica Ward, Rick Woloszyn

Boys



Row 1: Garrett Zambo, Mike Koliboski, Derrick Peatry, Chris Albanese

Row 2: Jake Collins, Mitch Burk, Gage Corona, Nathan Ward, John Lawson

Row 3: Ed Olszewski, Andrew Bowman, Tim Lawson, Nathan Vuckovich, Mike Alonzo, Anthony Slawikowski, Giovanni Posley, Bobby Collins

Girls:

Merrillville
Highland
Merrillville
Lake Central
Bishop Noll
Merrillville
Calumet
Morton
Lake Central
Clark
Merrillville
Clark

19-1
16-4
20-0
17.5-2.5
19-1
20-0
20-0
20-0
5-15
19-1
14-6
16-4

Boys:

Bishop Noll
Clark
Morton
Lake Central
Lake Central
Andrean
Munster
Merrillville
Merrillville
Calumet
Highland
Clark

19-1
17-3
17-3
12-8
18-2
17-3
17-3
18-2
17-3
18-2
17-3
11-9

Sectionals:

Girls 3rd
Boys 5th

Swimming

Day two of sectionals

In swimming, all of the teams in the district qualify for sectionals on day one, but to qualify for day two, the swimmer has to make the top 16 for that individual race. This year, seniors Adrian Jimenez and Brittany Burbridge qualified for the second day. Burbridge placed 16th in the 100 backstroke and 16th in the 100 freestyle, and Jimenez placed 16th in the 100 backstroke.

"The competition is fierce, but you just have to have a will to succeed. If you believe, you can achieve. Knowing it was my last year, I strived to push my boundaries, and cheer on the team because I knew they were cheering me on too. It made me feel accomplished to make it this far," said Jimenez.

Day two was difficult to place in since 16 teams competed. All relays from day one qualified for day two, but everyone tried to make it in the second heat (the top 8 spots out of 16 in that event). Four relays from Griffith made it to heat 2 the second day.

Adrian Jimenez, 12



Diving vs. Swimming

Swimming

"Swimming takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but you can still enjoy yourself. In between sets at practice, I would squirt water at everyone to annoy them. At the end of the season, they got me back with water guns. We all work hard, but we still have a great time."

Matthew Thomas, 9



Diving

"Diving is a difficult sport because it is very technical and your dives have to be perfect to get a good score. You also need a good mental attitude because you'll slap hard on the water a lot. It can take a long time to get all of your dives down, but you have to push yourself."

Emily Morrison, 12



Both

"Swimming and diving are hard and not everyone can do it. A lot of people overlook swimming and diving, but it's hard work. Some of my best high school memories are in a pool and I made so many friends from doing both of them whether separate or together."

Melissa Chiaro, 12



The girls swim team got their first win of the season at a home meet against Gavit. "Swimming is the toughest sport I've ever done, but the hard work paid off in the end. I am going to miss my team, the coaches, and swimming in general," said senior Brittany Burbridge.



After every meet, the team gets together and peps everyone by doing a cheer. "We always laughed and enjoyed ourselves when doing the cheer. This team was really close this year and I made a lot of memories," said freshman Jeremy Paganelli.



Girls



Row 1: Maddie Kruse, Marissa Perez, Emily Morrison, Banesa Jaimez-Garcia
Row 2: Gardenia Gonzalez, Brittany Burbridge, Melissa Chiaro, Cara Smith, Courtney Smith, Veronica Mathews
Row 3: Victoria Buncek, Lauren Kovacic, Eva Solis, Leanna Early, Chyna Gerloff-Rex, Makenna Sons, Theresa McLoughlin

Boys



Row 1: Tyler Josephson, Jeremy Paganelli, Matthew Thomas, Alizjah Stokes, Shawn Falstrom
Row 2: Adrian Jimenez, Collin Meadows, Logan Sammons, William Junior
Row 3: Victoria Buncek, Josh Zoran, Theresa McLoughlin

Girls

Score:

Highland	32-135
Lowell	41-122
Munster	25-152
Gavit	93-70
Hobart	37-134
Kankakee Valley	17-154
Morton	83-76
East Chicago	163-41
Hammond	163-37

Sectionals:

Griffith	12/16
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Boys

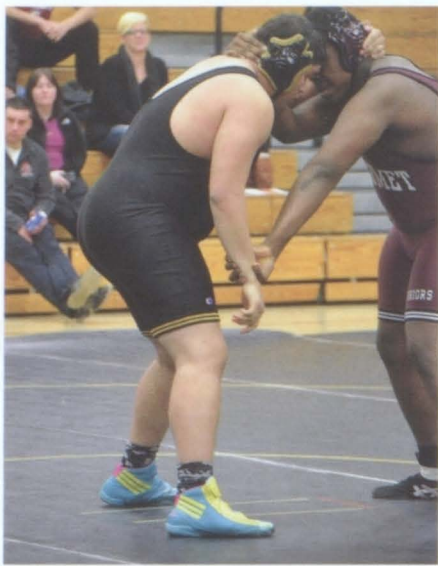
Score:

Munster	30-144
Gavit	65-72
Hobart	39-108
Kankakee Valley	17-148
Morton	51-98
East Chicago	107-12
Hammond	107-46

Sectionals:

Griffith	14/16
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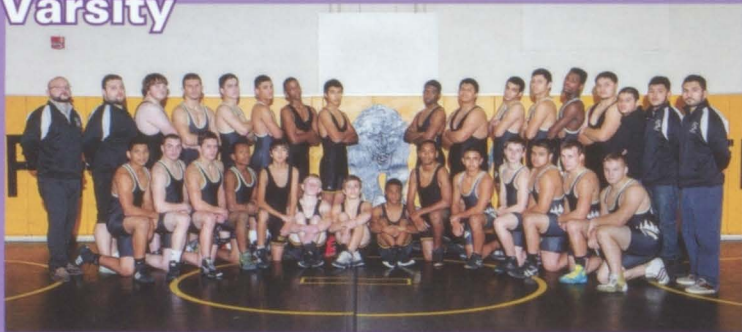
This year, a large number of the team was brand new to the sport, such as freshman Tyler Josephson. "I had no idea what to expect. It is a challenging sport, but I enjoyed doing it," said Josephson. He plans to continue participate in this sport throughout high school.



During the home meet against Calumet High School, junior Michael Torres works to control his opponent. "It's important to be stronger, faster, and smarter than the person you're wrestling. It's hard work but I'm dedicated," said Torres.

Taking the win, senior Nathyn Sierra, is announced winner in front of the crowd. "After the enormous amount of work my team and I have to endure during practices and meets, winning is such an amazing feeling," said Sierra.

Varsity



Row 1: Jared Cottrell, Adrian Williams, Alexander Kepchar, James Mines, Thomas Perez, Steven Whitehead, Jeremiah Reitz, Kenyon Patrick, Marcus Johnson, Keith Hernandez, Trenton Pulliam, Diego Burgos, William Jarrells, Nathan Szabo
Row 2: Daniel Bedoy, Anthony Zardnt, Maxwell McLean, Ben Stassin, Oscar Magallanes, Keon Ball, Nkosi Heath, Daniel Perez, Daniel Walker, Emmanuel Aguirre, Anwar Issa, Nathyn Sierra, Ja'Mal Quarres, Michael Torres, Christopher Mares, Adam Garcia

Varsity:

Lowell
 Wheeler
 Lake Station
 Calumet
 Hobart
 Hobart Invite

Score:

48-24
 59-9
 47-28
 64-10
 41-30
 3rd place

State Qualifier:

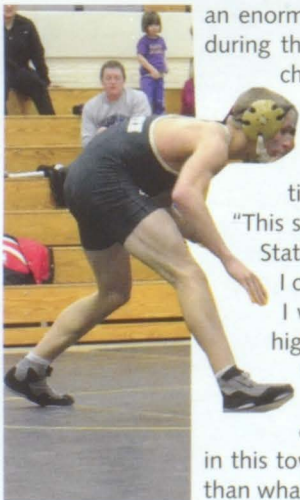
Jeremiah Rietz



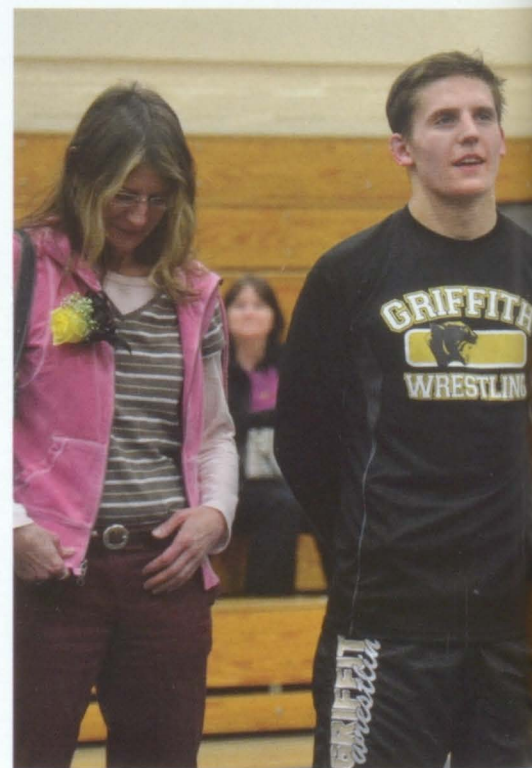
The road to state, round two

During the 2013-2014 wrestling season a very dedicated freshman of Griffith High School named Jeremiah Reitz worked his way to a place only the best get to stand, the top of the podium as the 106 pound state champion at the 2014 IHSAA state wrestling competition. With such an enormous title under his belt, Reitz knew that he had to work ten times as hard during the 2014-2015 season of his sophomore year to earn another title as state champion. Reitz decided to put on some weight for his sophomore season and wrestled at 120 pounds for the year. Reitz held a record of 35-3, was named sectional champion, and earned second place at regionals. He also placed second in semi-state, qualifying him for his second chance at a state title.

"This season I had a lot of pressure on me and I need to learn to handle it better. State is a crazy experience with thousands of people watching you, and this year I came up short. Even though I didn't achieve as much as I hoped and planned, I will use this experience as fuel for nationals. My goals for next year are set high. I want to get back on top of the podium at state, and I plan to remain in the 120 weight class. It's smart not to get overly down on yourself and to be resilient because hard work and dedication can take you farther than you can imagine. I love wrestling, it's a passion of mine. One state title is nothing in this town compared to what other guys have done. Never settle for anything less than what you have wanted to accomplish since you were three years old," said Reitz.



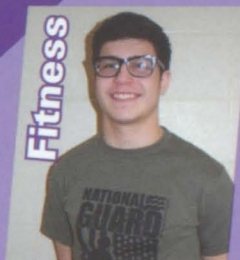
Jeremiah Reitz, 10



Wrestling

Preparations...

Fitness



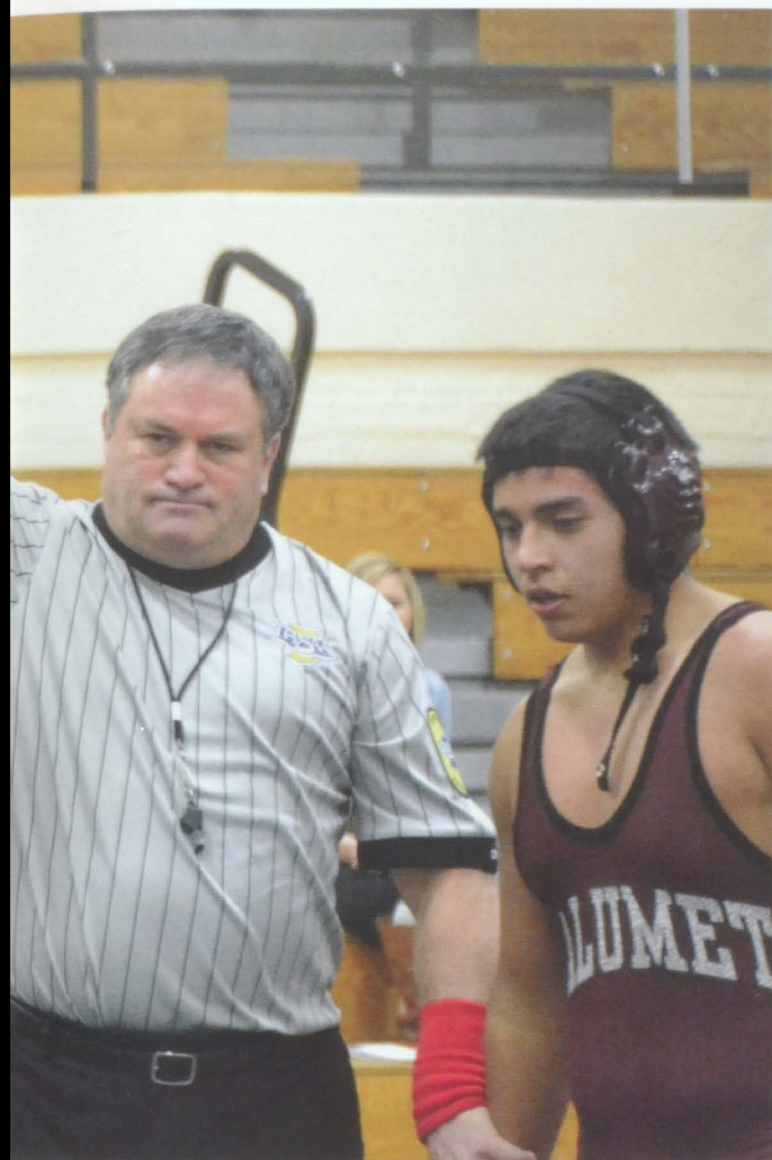
"Practice really isn't easy. It is tedious and tiring but it's necessary to succeed on the mat. Sometimes we do a lot of running to build our endurance. The drills we do help train our muscles and sharpen our skills. Work outs are hard but the whole team knows that we have to push ourselves at every single practice."

Oscar Magallanes, 11

"Being a wrestler means having a very strict diet. We have to be super careful of what we eat, especially when cutting weight. Cutting weight happens when a meet is coming up and a wrestler has to lose a certain amount of pounds to make weight. It is hard not eating and being dehydrated before weigh-ins."

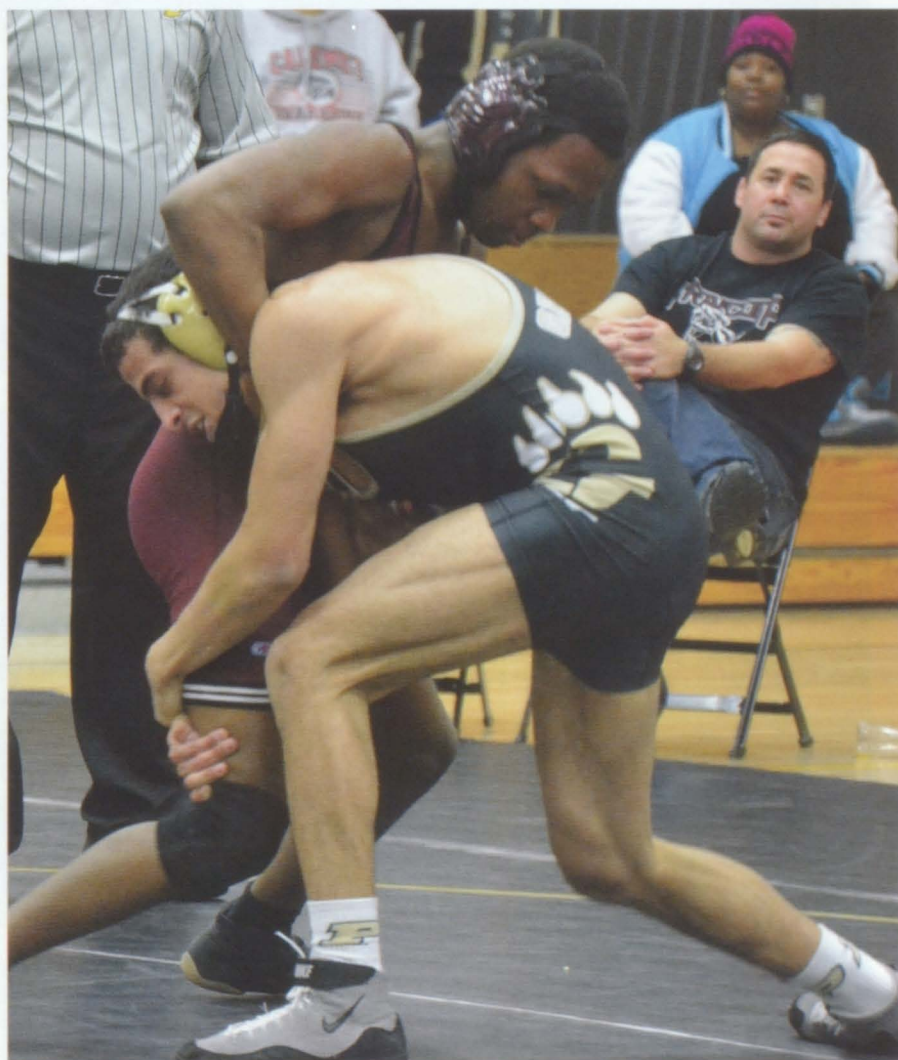
Daniel Perez, 12

Diet



With his best effort, senior Anwar Issa attempts to take down his opponent during the home meet against Calumet High School. "My opponent was really strong, but I was able to use my strength and skills to get the win I was hoping for," said Issa.

Listening to the speaker tell his story and future goals, senior Alexander Kepchar stands with his parents on senior night. "Senior night is always bitter-sweet. It is a night to recognize that it was our last season and that our high school journey is ending," said Kepchar.



Varsity



Row 1: Jimmy O'Marrah, Robbie Hernandez, Ryan Nunez, Julian Rutherford, Troy Cullen, Amir Wright, Jacob Adams, Matthew Potacki
Row 2: Brett Tauber, Jared Lipski, Seth Shepard, Josh Terzari, Kody Hoes, Aaron Brown, Joey Martocchio, Anthony Quintero, Bryan Smith

Reaching out to grab the ball thrown by his teammate senior Brett Tauber, catcher senior Robbie Hernandez catches the ball, causing the opposing team to strike. "I don't make many homeruns, but I really excel at being a catcher so I enjoy this position," said Hernandez



Junior Varsity



Row 1: Elias Caraballo, Hector Vega, Kasey Payne, Sean Bailey, Denny Colomes, Christian Rivera
Row 2: Alec Seberger, Josh Miller, Charlie Flores, Cameron Crowe, Kyle Cartwright, Trevor Losiniecki, Isaiah Ramirez

Varsity:

	Score:
Calumet	15-1
Whiteland	7-2
Whiteland	10-2
Kankakee Valley	10-0
Kankakee Valley	12-2
Valparasio	7-5
Andrean	3-1
Andrean	12-10
Mishawaka	9-8
Mishawaka	8-7
Highland	11-10
Munster	12-0
Munster	5-0
Hanover Central	17-1
EC Central	8-6
Hobart	4-3
Hobart	13-2
Bishop Noll	18-11
Morton	14-0
Lowell	2-1
Lowell	12-2
Washington Township	8-4
Gavit	18-1

Sectionals:

Roosevelt	34-0
Gavit	0-0

Regionals:

Peru	11-1
Andrean	12-5

Baseball

Batter up!

This year, the baseball team followed the motto "expect victory." The motto had a deeper meaning for the players because the field that they would play at, if they reached the state championship, was Victory Field in Indianapolis. Conditioning for the upcoming season started in January and tryouts took place over a week in March. The boys all worked hard to earn their spot on the team and prove that they deserved it. After try outs, they started the actual practices for the season. "A lot of work goes into playing baseball, and if you win a game it all pays off," says junior Jacob Adams. This year the boys had a record of 13-12 for the regular season and record for sectionals. "This year we had a good season, and I'm proud of how hard the boys worked," said coach Brian Jennings. "These boys have become like my family. No matter what the outcome of the game, we stick together and encourage each other to do our best," said Brown.

Brett Tauber, 12



Committed

Playing since he was five, senior Ryan Nunez talks about what it's like to be committed to a team. "I've played baseball for all four years of high school. One year on j.v. and two on varsity," said Nunez. He's worked hard to get his spot as a pitcher and says he's going to continue working hard so he can play in college. "I'm looking forward to continuing my baseball career into the future," said Nunez. As for his goals of the season, Nunez says his biggest is to go to state with his team and to win. "Going to state would be a big accomplishment because we all work really hard to win our games and if we got to state it would all be worth it," said Nunez.



Ryan Nunez, 12



While leading off of first base, junior Amir Wright gets ready to run, if the ball is hit. "I always prepare to make it to the next base before the opposing team can get me out. It can make you really anxious at times, but it's always worth it," said Wright.

Playing their first double header of the season, the boys baseball team walks up to the mound to talk with coach Brian Jennings. "When we play a double header, it can be tiring since we only get a half hour break in between games," said sophomore Joey Martoccio.



Softball

The Final Season



"The fact that this is my last season makes me sad. I'm really going to miss the coaches and all the girls. I hope that next year they all succeed and have a great season. This year I want to keep our record positive and show everyone what we can do. I want to prove everyone wrong while enjoying the game."

Lauren Maynard, 12

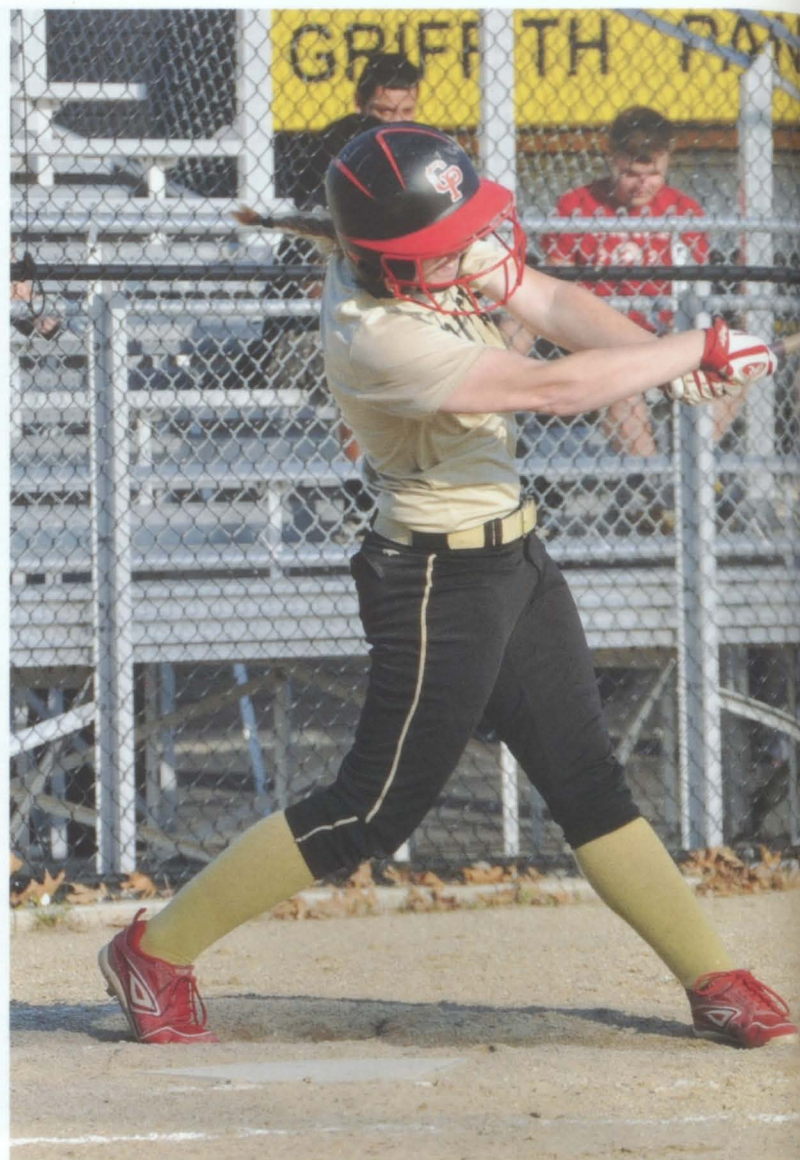


"Coming from a new school, I like playing on this team a lot more. I get along with my teammates and I am so excited for the rest of the season with them. This is my fourth year playing, and I'm happy that I'm ending my high school career on a good note. Hopefully, I can play softball in college also."

Asher Henderson, 12

During a team huddle between innings, junior Kailey Shepard gives her team a few confidence boosters. "Next year is my last year, and I want to start making a mark on this team. I want to be someone that the underclassmen look up to," said Shepard.

Third in the batting line-up, sophomore Kasey Tinsley goes up to the plate with a strong, positive mind-set. "When I'm batting the only thing that I think about is hitting the ball as hard as I possibly can, whether it's a home run or a single," said Tinsley.



Practice makes perfect

With a very competitive list of opponents for the season, the Griffith softball team began conditioning in October to get in shape for the games ahead. After the girls conditioned for five months, official tryouts were held. For three days, the players showed their skills in hopes of making the team.

"Tryouts were sort of scary. You have to work hard and prove yourself to the coaches so they can see your determination," said junior Ashley Moore.

Once the team was selected, the girls got straight to work. Practice was held up to four times a week. The team worked on fielding and batting, as well as technique. "Practicing is so important. There is always something you can improve on, even if it's from testing your speed from base to base, or just fixing an error you made during the game," said sophomore Brooklyn Richardson.



Brooklyn Richardson, 10



Head to head with a batter, senior pitcher Blair Morton throws a hard ball in hopes of winning the fight at the plate. "I've been pitching since I was seven. It's a hard position to play, but I enjoy it. I'm glad I get to be on the mound for my last year," said Morton.

After receiving a throw-down from the catcher, freshman Ali Schoon throws the ball to the mound. "It feels amazing, yet intimidating to be playing on varsity as a freshman. Being able to learn from the older girls is such a good experience," said Schoon.

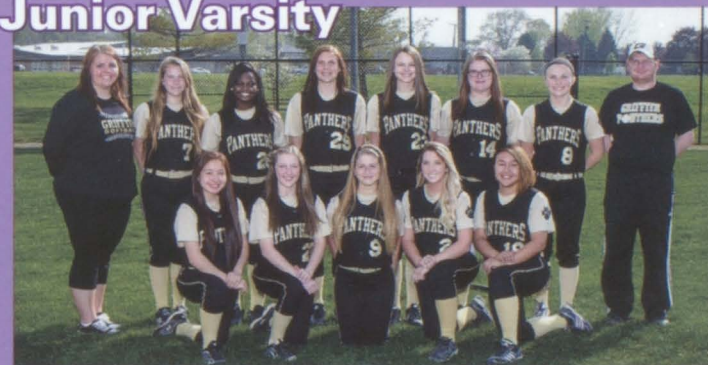
Varsity



Row 1: Lauren Maynard, Brooklyn Richardson, Kailey Shepard, Morgan Taylor, Kasey Tinsley, Courtney Bell

Row 2: Kevin Brackett, Sidney Hero, Blair Morton, Ali Schoon, Don Bence, Rhiannon Kozy, Sabrina Dodson, Alex Colomes, Kym Daniels

Junior Varsity



Row 1: Jessica Lopez, Ale Albanese, Alexis Ingle, Renee Mierzwa, Tatyana Cima de Villa

Row 2: Jackie Livingston, Angel Meyer, Ashley Moore, Mary Lesko, Kacie Kruhaj, Kylie Maloney, Lauren Kovacic, Steve Moss

Varsity:

	Score:
Merrillville	9-8
Chesterton	4-3
Boone Grove	0-0
Hobart	7-1
Highland	8-6
Andean	5-0
Hanover	9-0
Munster	7-0
South Bend Riley (DH)	5-2/1-0
Lowell	8-4
K.V.	6-5
Hobart	2-0
Highland	4-2
Andean	5-0
Morton	10-0
Munster	3-1
Lowell	9-8
K.V.	7-4
Gavit	13-2
Lake Central	4-1
Calumet	18-0
Wheeler	11-3
East Chicago	11-0

Sectionals:

Gavit	10-0
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Regionals:

Hanover	2-1
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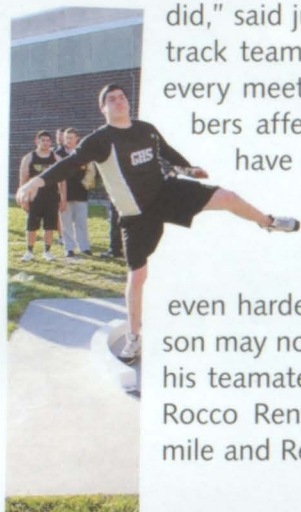
Boys and Girls Track

Luck within the goodbyes

This season both the boys and girls track team lost a number of members due to different reasons, which caused the students on the track team to have to thrive harder in practice and compete even harder in meets to replace the missing spots or lost team members. "Even though our team members were missed, they really did not affect our season. We did our best to come

together as a team, and we enjoyed what we did," said junior Christian Benjamin. The Griffith track team did not miss a beat; they attended every meet, and never let the number of members affect their emotional state. "I may not have made it to regionals this year like the previous, but I improved both mentally and physically as a player, and I can't wait until next season to work even harder," said junior Jamahl Johnson. Johnson may not have made it to regionals; however, his teammates freshman Trinity Austin and junior Rocco Renton did; Austin competing in the 2 mile and Renton competing in the 110 hurdle.

Michael Alonzo, 12



Junior foreign exchange student Eva Solis is known for her precision during the long jump. "The track season was amazing. This was my first time participating in track, and I learned a lot from my coaches and teammates. I can't wait until next season," said Solis.

While competing in a home meet against KV and Hobart, junior Rocco Renton came in second place in the 110 hurdles. "The Hobart kid beat me by a hair, it was cold and windy as well, which made it more difficult to compete," said Renton.



Best Runners



"It feels good to be new and a good runner at Griffith. I moved up here second semester, and I wouldn't have thought that I would be considered one of the best runners on the track team. I'm proud of myself for striving towards greatness. It's the best feeling ever."

Rocco Renton, 11

"This is my senior year and I am glad to have been able to participate in track all these years and see myself accomplish so many things that I could only imagine when I was younger. I have met so many inspiring people and have been privileged enough to have my coach and my family by my side."

Brittany Burbridge, 12



"I started track because I love to run and even though I didn't start out great, I pushed myself to do better and now I'm apparently one of the best runners on the team. This team is a little different from my old team, but I like the teamwork and the effort put into the meets. I'm looking forward to next season."

Antonio Kneeland, 10



During the Lowell/Munster meet, the wind conditions made it difficult for the teams to jump the hurdles. Senior Emily Morrison, competing in the 100 meter high hurdle, came in 3rd place. "My favorite thing is the hurdles because it's quick and competitive," said Morrison.

Sophomore Amere Williams placed sixth in the 800 meter at the Lowell/Munster meet. "My favorite moment of this season is when Antonio Kneeland was going up for a hurdle and fell on the last one, then crawled to the finish line," said Williams.



Girls



Row 1: Gardenia Gonzalez, Maegan Perkovich, Amari Harris, Clarissa Moseley, Emily Morrison, Marissa Perez

Row 2: Jazzamin Benjamin, Jada Roberson, Brittany Burbridge, Rebecca Flores, Leslie Leon, Jahmara Williams

Row 3: Shannon Sheidel, Jeff Kawa, Cara Smith, Eva Solis, Kayla Piper, Hollie Witvoet, Megan Mann, Vicky Perez, Trinity Austin, Victoria Burcek, Shana Matz

Boys



Row 1: Zachariah Winchester, Thomas Perez, Adrian Williams, Christian Benjamin, Dan Perez, Dontray Estelle

Row 2: David Renfro, Jawuan Pugh, Antonio Williams, Antonio Garcia, Rocco Renton, Darail Williams, Antonio Kneeland, Jamaal Johnson

Row 3: Cristian Haddock, Amere Williams, Isaiah Allen, Michael Alonzo, Jamahl Johnson, Tayvien Walker, Nkosi Heath

Girls:

Hanover Central	No Score
Hanover Central	No Score
Highland	2nd
E.C Central	3rd
E.C Central	5th
Lowell/Munster	3rd
KV/Hobart	3rd
Highland Invite	8th
Andrean Invite	8th
Andrean	2nd
NCC Conference	7th

Boys:

Hanover Central	
Hanover Central	
Highland	2nd
E.C Central	3rd
E.C Central	
Lowell/Munster	3rd
KV/Hobart	3rd
Highland Invite	6th
Andrean Invite	
Andrean	
NCC Conference	7th

Sectionals:

Griffith Girls	10th
Griffith Boys	7th

Regionals:

Trinity Austin	4th
Rocco Renton	7th

At the Highland meet, junior Megan Mann ran through the pain of a pulled hamstring. Mann ended up coming in last place because of her injury however, her team member freshman Vicky Perez held the team and stayed strong during the meet giving her team members an inside victory.



Row 1: Merry Galindo, Zaria Heath, Melanie Turner, Tatum Josephson, Camryn Linders, Jocelyn Hayes, Kourtney Harris, Mikaela Therese, Melanie Vera

Row 2: Riley Hendron, Laura Reid, Hannah Ramirez, Stephanie Cordova, Mark Harnew, Leanna Early, Jazmin Lopez, Melissa Chiaro, Tina Brantley

Varsity:

Calumet
East Chicago
Lake Central
Clark
Portage
Highland
Kankakee Valley
Lowell
Andrean
Bishop Noll
Hobart
Munster
Gavit
Wheeler
River Forest

Score:

5-0
3-2
5-0
4-1
5-0
5-0
5-0
5-0
4-1
3-2
5-0
5-0
3-2
5-0
5-0

Sectionals:

Gavit 3-2
Munster 5-0

During Griffith's first home match, senior Chelsea Waddell won playing singles against Kankakee Valley. "It was a tough and long match, but I didn't give up. I really wanted to win that match so I worked hard and gave it my all," said Waddell.

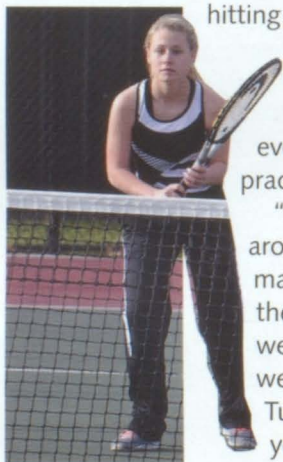


Rained out

Spring is a very common season for rain and this year the tennis team had to unfortunately cancel four matches and many were rescheduled. A lot of practices got also called off because of the rain. When the tennis courts were wet, they become extremely slippery and difficult to play on. Some of the practices, instead of being cancelled, were held in the upstairs gym. There were no nets set up in the upstairs gym, which made it challenging for the players to tell if they were

hitting the ball correctly or not. This year's team was larger than the year before. With 22 players, practicing in the upstairs gym, it made it hard for everyone to get a good and productive practice in.

"It was a challenge at times to work around the weather, but in the end we made it work. I am so proud of how the team performed even though we didn't have as much practice as we should have," said junior Melanie Turner, hoping for better weather next year.



Melanie Turner, 11



Girls Tennis



So the teammates could get to know each other better, coach Mark Harnew had the team pass a ball around in a circle and introduce themselves. "I really enjoyed this activity because I got to learn everyone's names and we bonded more," said freshman Laura Reid.



"I loved being able to play tennis with one of my closest friends, and I hope we get to play with each other more in upcoming seasons," said sophomore Melanie Vera, playing doubles with junior Melanie Turner for the first time of the season.

This year, many freshmen joined the team and most of them had the opportunity to play on varsity. "I would have never expected lettering my freshmen year. I had a blast with the team this season, and I can't wait for next year," said freshman Mikaela Therese.

Singles vs. Doubles

"I play singles for varsity and I've been playing since freshman year. This was my first year on varsity, but my third year playing singles. Singles is more independent and you are on your own. You have to be quick on your feet because you are constantly running from side to side in singles. Don't be upset if you lose, just think of it as a motivation to improve."

Jazmin Lopez, 11



"This was my second year playing doubles for varsity. When playing doubles, communication with your partner is key. You need to learn each other's strengths and weaknesses and make the best of them. You also need to be very vocal with your partner and never give up on them or yourself."



Taylor Jones, 12

Boys and Girls Golf

The more the merrier

Both the boys and girls golf teams had an increased amount of newcomers this year. The girls golf team had three new freshman members (Mary Lesko, Angelika Rodriguez, Kylie Maloney). Each person came with their own unique talents, abilities, and goals. "I've learned to be the golfer I am through hard work and training. My goal for next season is to pass sectionals as a team," said freshman Mary Lesko.

Although the boys team lost some of their members from last year, they gained new people with the ambition to learn. "Since it was my first year playing golf, I was on the JV team. I hope to be a part of the varsity team next year," said sophomore Carson Grin.

The girls had their only victory against Calumet this season. The boys team won five out of eleven of their meets. Coach Mike Worosz, also the physical education teacher, was extremely pleased with his members on both golf teams. "The boys had their first victory over Munster in the NCC around the 80s. I'm very excited for the upcoming season with the girls because they worked very well as a team," said Worosz.

Andrew Bowman, 11



Before sophomore Luke Broelmann takes his backswing, he looks toward the hole to check and see if his aim is perfect. "As I am standing there looking at the hole, I think of all the better possibilities that will happen if I hit where I am aiming," said Broelmann.

Superstitions are very common amongst all athletes. Freshman Kylie Maloney prepares for her backswing in her own way at her home meet. "I try to calm myself before I go into my backswing by singing a song in my head and taking a deep breath," said Maloney.



Girls



Row 1: Angelika Rodriguez, Kylie Maloney, Mary Lesko, Blair Morton, Heather Steele, Mike Worosz

Boys



Row 1: Chase Janowski, Carson Grin, Noah Mitcheltree, Luke Reid, Luke Broelmann, Keith Hernandez
Row 2: Mike Worosz, Brian Brzycki, Sam Stassin, Zac Hilgeman, Nathan Vuckovich, Andrew Bowman, Mitch Burk

Girls:

LC Invite	Incomplete
Brickie Invite	84
Lowell	259-248
Munster	259-182
Highland	266-218
Hanover	266-213
Kankakee	Incomplete-170
Hobart	Incomplete-259
Andrean	262-220
Calumet	249-264
NCC Tournament	543

Sectionals: 513

Boys:

Calumet Invite	386
Portage	187-175
Hanover	194-187
Wheeler	195-210
Highland	195-191
Portage Invite	372
Kankakee	190-178
Clark	196-244
Whiting	196-254
Lowell	206-233
KV Invite	405
Andrean	180-160
Munster	187-191
Crown Point Invite	395
Hobart	208-179
LC Invite	405

Sectionals: 391

Brian Brzycki 79

Regionals:

Brian Brzycki 81

Memories

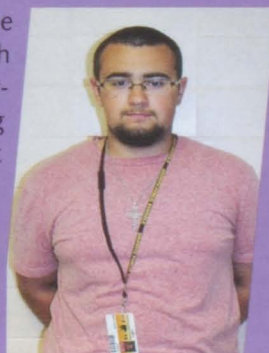


"The most memorable thing about the golf season this year was meeting my team and becoming so close to them. Considering it was my first year the season went pretty smooth. I learned so much about the sport, most importantly how to be patient. I'm looking forward to next season."

Angelika Rodriguez, 9

"My favorite memory was the bus ride home after our match against Whiting and Clark. Everyone was talking and enjoying each others company. I think that one bus ride home brought the team together. It makes me cherish the times I got to spend with my team on and off the course."

Mitch Burk, 11



Team **Bonding** and Wheelchair **Basketball**



Flying high above the rest of the Pantherettes, sophomore Dana Jelenski jumps on a pile of pillows and blankets. "Bonding is always my favorite part of the year because I get to learn more about the girls and we all get to eat a ton of food," said Jelenski.

Following a tradition, the boys swim team bleached their hair before sectionals. This tradition has been going on for many years. "Being able to do this as a team was super funny because none of us knew how our hair would turn out," said freshman Collin Meadows.



The boys soccer team has annual pasta nights to bond for their upcoming games. "Being able to bond before a game is a really big advantage for us because it helps us work harder and act more like a team during the game," said junior Andrew Vera.



At the wheelchair basketball game, the Panther and the Gary Railcats mascot Rusty, had a dance off. "Although it was hot in the suit, it was worth it to get the crowd pumped and to keep the Panther winning streak alive," said senior Adrian Jimenez.

Making a Difference



"To me, the wheelchair basketball game is a great way to gain awareness of disabilities. It shows that they can still do everything we can do, just in a different way. The game makes me appreciate everything I have and watching it for the past 3 years has made me gain a lot more respect for them."

Calvin Robertson, 11

"Whenever I see people conquering the things that everyone says is impossible it makes me feel like anything is possible. It helps me realize that I can do anything as long as I try. I wish I could play in the wheelchair basketball game because I think it would be so fun and awesome to try."

Tina Brantley, 12



"This is the first year that I actually saw the wheelchair basketball from a good spot. It's really nice to see the student athletes participating in something else other than their normal sports. It's probably really difficult to do and I give them credit for going out and trying out something new."

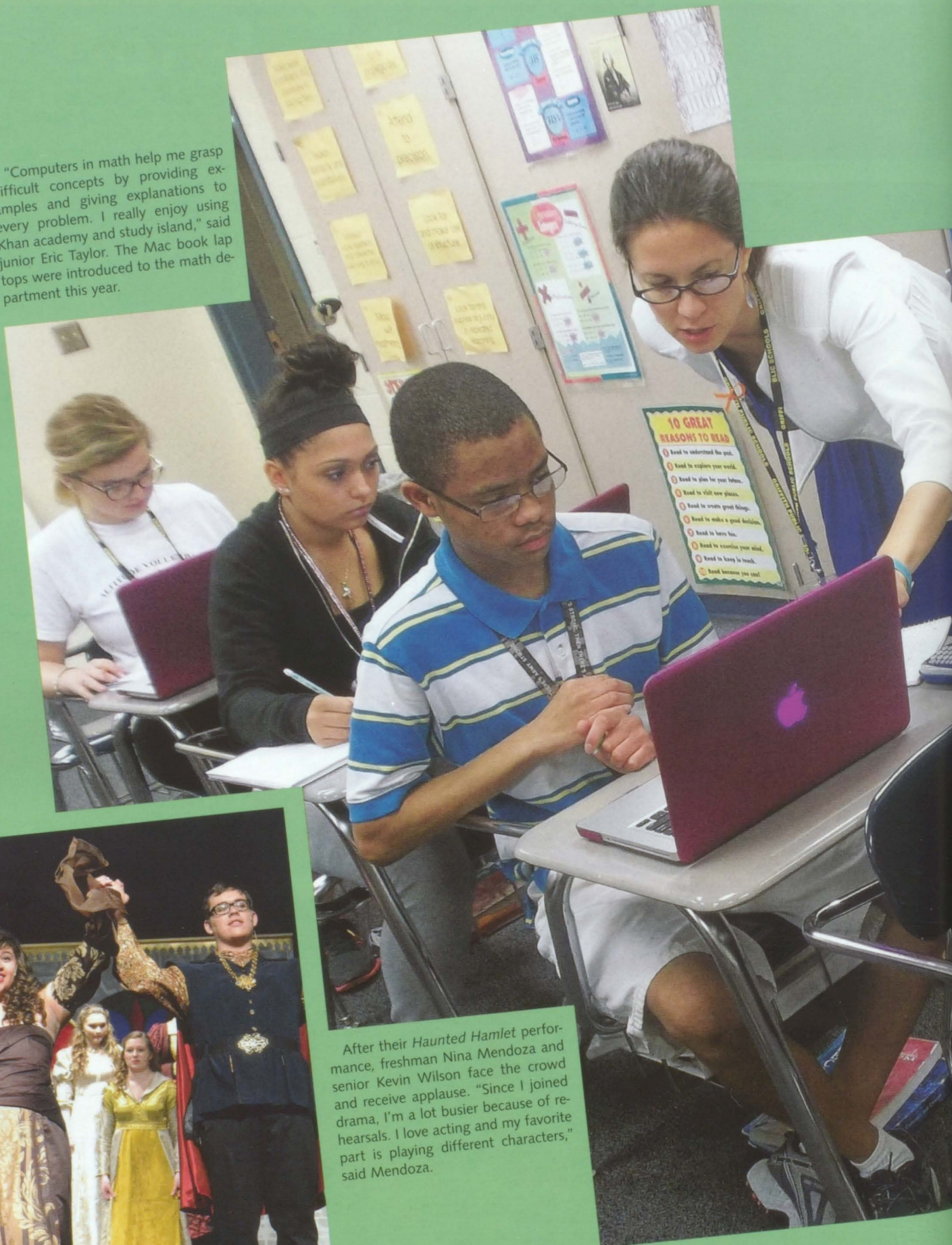
Zach Fisch, 9

Dribbling the ball during the court, senior Madison Lynch tried to do something she'd never done before. "For it being my first time ever playing wheelchair basketball, I think I did a pretty decent job, I mean we didn't win but I still had a good time," said Lynch.

While waiting for the ball to be passed to him, junior Jacob Corttrel sits patiently in his wheelchair. "Playing in the game was pretty great because I've never played before and it was awesome to be able to play against such cool people," said Corttrel.



"Computers in math help me grasp difficult concepts by providing examples and giving explanations to every problem. I really enjoy using Khan academy and study island," said junior Eric Taylor. The Mac book lap tops were introduced to the math department this year.



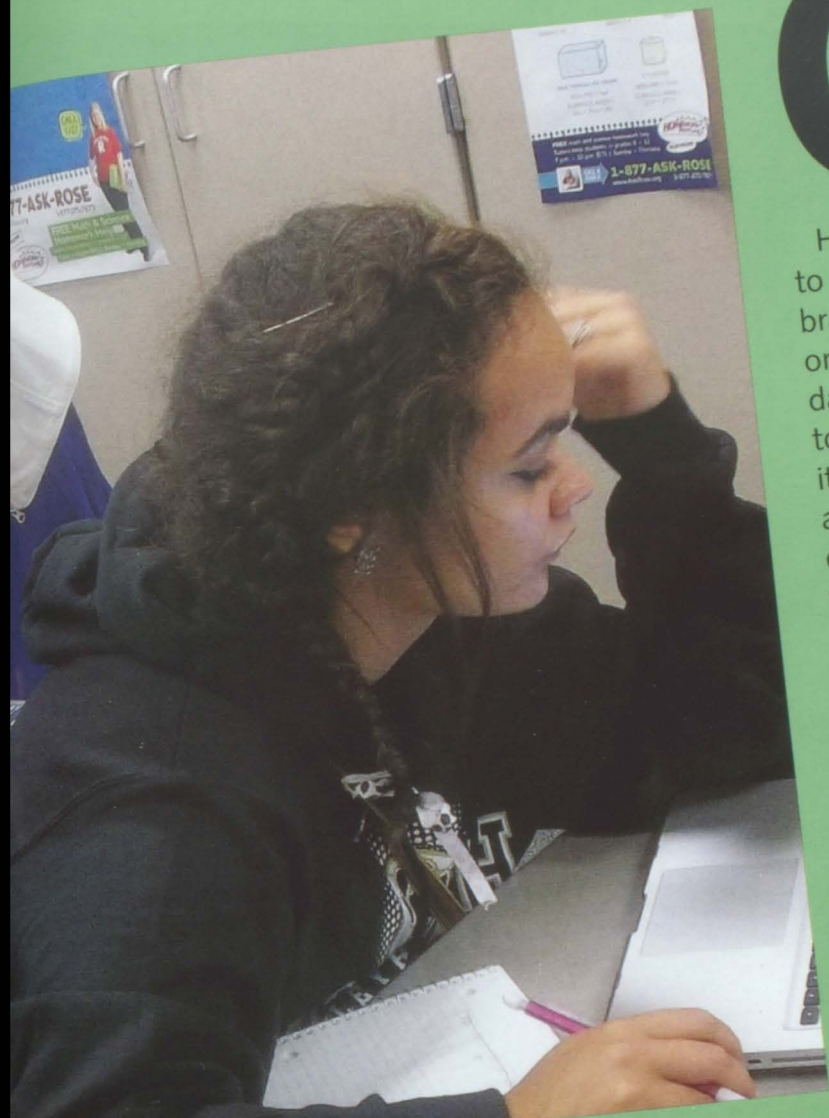
After their *Haunted Hamlet* performance, freshman Nina Mendoza and senior Kevin Wilson face the crowd and receive applause. "Since I joined drama, I'm a lot busier because of rehearsals. I love acting and my favorite part is playing different characters," said Mendoza.

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Guide to GHS

High school is a long journey that comes to an end once a student becomes the brand new owner of a GHS diploma. In order to reach the stage on graduation day, one must take the necessary actions to achieve the required amount of credits. Whether the goal is directed towards a Core 40 with academic/technical honors or aimed at a traditional diploma, the years spent inside Griffith's walls provide a rewarding conclusion.

Through the meetings of study groups, long nights of reviewing, or spending extra time after school with teachers, students were able to survive the stressful and overwhelming demands of a high school student. While some were adapting to the brand new atmosphere of freshman year, others were crossing off the days until graduation. No matter the grade level that one conquered for the 2014-2015 school year, the experiences that they endured helped in preparing them for the future.



Spending her day in the main gym with the rest of student council, junior Bethany Brucer participates in the blood drive. "It felt great to help out. With every donation, you save three lives. At first, it was a little painful, but I knew it would go a long way," said Brucer.



On the new English teacher's first day, Emily Robinson had her students do a string activity so everyone could get to know each other better. "I had a blast that day because instead of just going through the rules, we did an activity," said junior William Robinson.

During her sixth hour, English teacher Kay Orzechowicz has her students taking notes for the upcoming test. "I find her tests pretty easy. I wasn't told otherwise, but I remember that past teachers used to give really difficult tests," said freshman Allison Biancardi.



As students get ready to start a new story that was written during the English Renaissance, English teacher Emily Robinson decides to have her students do a project to learn about the time period. "I absolutely love Shakespeare's stories," said senior Eddie Land.

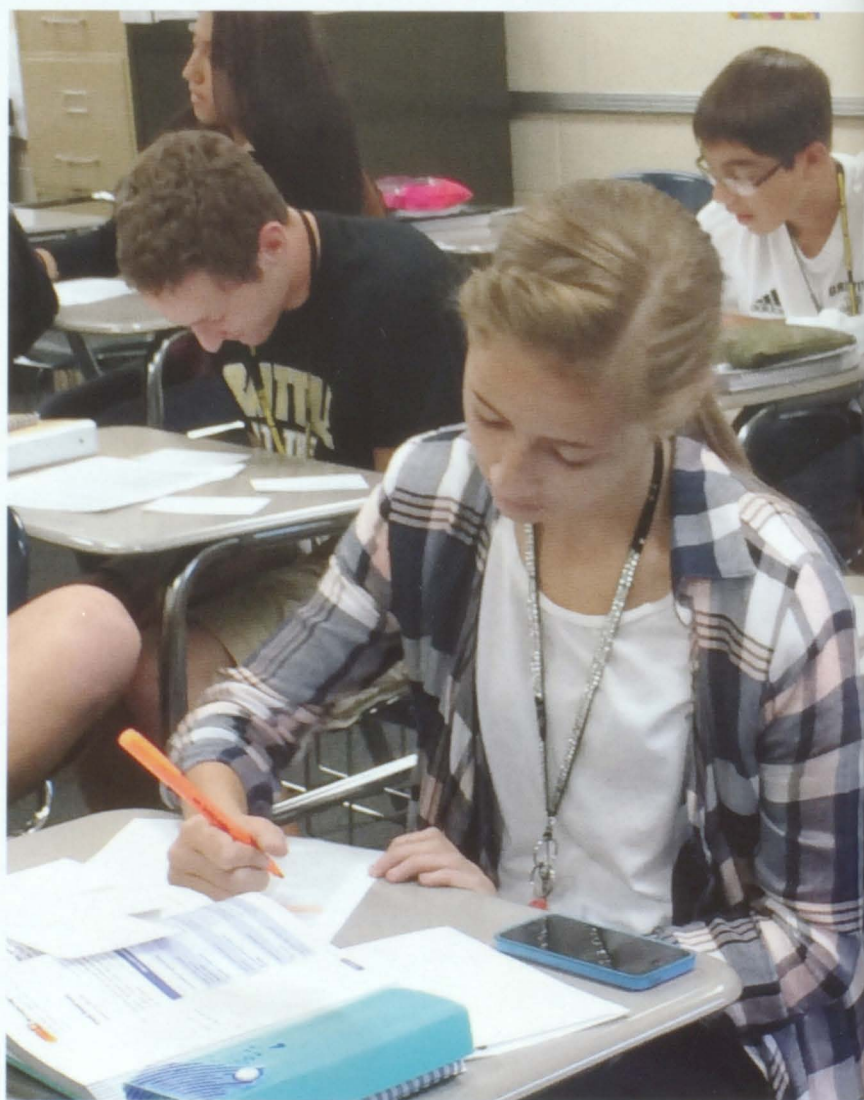
Siblings sophomore Luke Reid and freshman Laura Reid face off in Sheila Vaclavik's English 10 Honors class. "I find it pretty odd that we both share an English class but I'm not complaining; It means that we could help each other with our homework," said Luke Reid.

And the award goes to...

In every grade, students read assigned books. The most favored are checked out again, or even later purchased by the students. The first and most favored book was *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. "The book is about two rival classes, the greasers and the soches (socialites). Their fights and rivalries are captivated within the pages of this amazing book. I read it in 8th grade English, and it's stayed one of my favorites that we've ever had to read for school," said sophomore Cassandra Metz.

The second most popular story among students was *Beowulf* by an unknown artist. "I read *Beowulf* my senior year, and loved it so much that I had my friends start calling me "Beowulf". As a joke I even put it on my papers in Mrs. Robinson's class. I feel like I am Beowulf because he's a warrior king that saved not only his land, but other peoples," said senior Jibreel Rivers.

The third most popular book was *Of Mice And Men* by John Steinbeck and Kevin Hinkle. This book takes place in times of the Great Depression, and is about two migrant ranch workers in search of new job opportunities. "I read *Of Mice and Men* during my sophomore year. It was one of the few stories I enjoyed reading during any of my English classes," said senior Thomas Plesek.



English

Michael Hedrick, 11



Hannah Ramirez, 9



Jake Kamaski, 11



The right to write

Essays, grammar, and reading all come to mind when thinking of English class. At Griffith High School, there are three levels of English classes for students to take. There are several Advanced Placement, or Honors, classes for students who excel at English. Then there are remedial classes for students who need a little bit of help in the subject. Lastly, there are students who are at the average level of English. While preparing for ECA's (End of Course Assessments) all year, students must read novels and stories for required reading, write stories and poetry, and complete projects to present in front of class for a grade. Students are also required to do book reports on books of their choice and have to stick to a certain theme, or over books required. "One of the stories I chose to read was called *The Maze Runner* because the cover really caught my attention. I was actually really surprised when I read it because I seriously couldn't put it down to save my life. I was told to put it down a lot during class because I kept getting lost in the pages," said senior Reba Hart.

Surviving Class

English class can be an **easy** class, or a **difficult** class. It all depends on how **prepared** you are. **Textbooks, notebooks, pens and pencils, and a binder** are all good things to have for **English** class. As well as a good **attitude** and a **readiness** to learn.



"Make sure you focus and pay attention in the classes. It's very important to keep up your grades. Plus it always helps on homework if you pay attention in class, especially in the AP courses. Another good tip is to make sure to take good notes, not just for English, but all your classes."

Ashley Ramirez, 10

"Be sure to stay awake in class. If you fall asleep, you might also fall behind on the notes, or something that could end up being important later on. After all, you never know what a teacher might end up putting on the test. That and it's possible you might end up liking what's being taught that day."

Sarah Cavazos, 12



"Really get into the reading. Because a lot of times students don't listen, or aren't interested because they haven't read. Do that, get into the characters you're reading about, and you'll do much better in class. You might even find you like the novel or story that's being taught."

Sheila Vaclavik, English teacher

Step into the future

Along with so many other changes this school year, the math department has also made some impressive improvements. Lap tops were put into each math class for the student's use. This step into technology opens doors to many helpful programs, like Khan Academy and Study Island.

"Khan Academy is like online homework. You basically have to teach yourself. It's challenging but it's really helpful for understanding things," said senior Courtney Valentas.

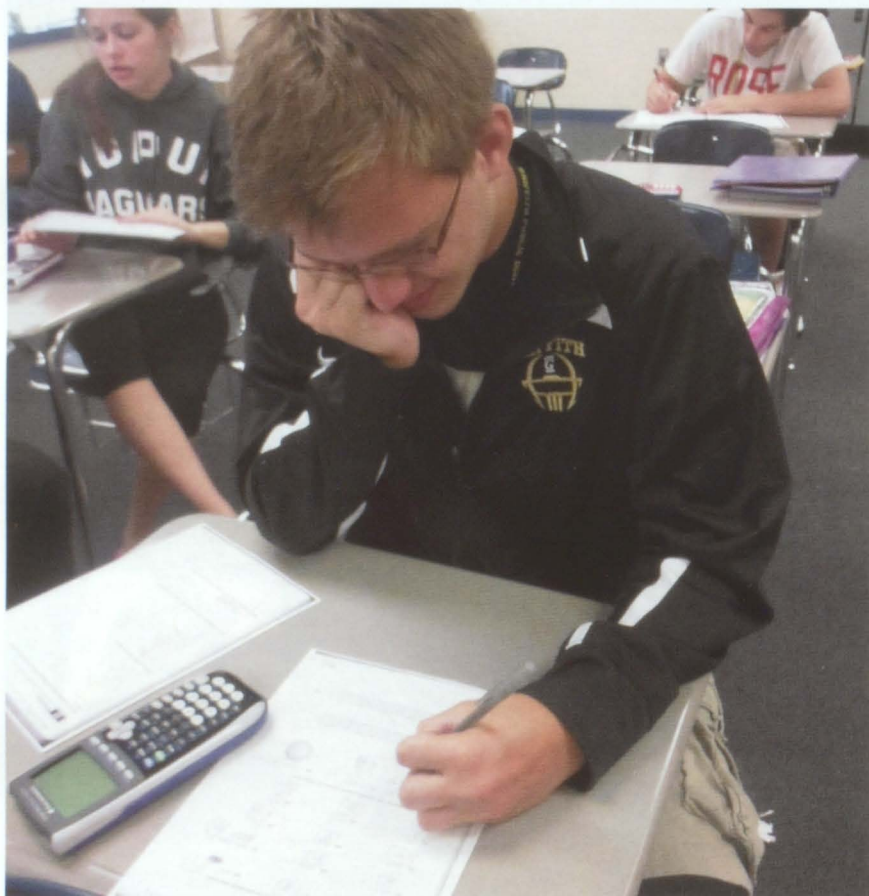
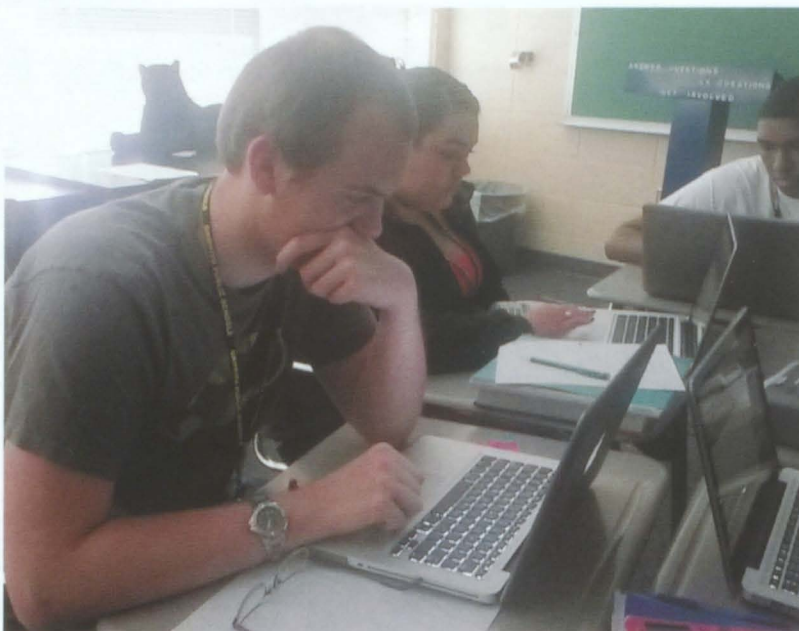
Study Island is similar. It's a website where lessons are provided and a "homework" set of questions are given. To move on to the next lesson, the previous questions must have been correctly answered.

"Study Island is a very helpful website to students and it's good that we can utilize it in our math classes," said Lauren Culp, math.

As GHS turns a fresh page for our school and takes on new rules and new obstacles, the students appreciate the things we've received that are not necessities to our learning, such as the computers along with the other changes.

"Using the computers every week is a great convenience and I prefer it over book work. Having them in our classes is a great change at our school," said senior Jon Adams. The lap tops are new to the school, and are available for all students to use.

In sixth hour, sophomore Adam Kent asks for help with his homework, making sure that Ms. Cohen checks his work so he gets a good grade. "The homework can be challenging sometimes but Ms. Cohen always helps us understand if we're confused," said Kent.



Hurrying to finish his homework, junior Jared Lipski does his pre cal during the last few minutes of class so he doesn't have to take it home. "Mrs. Chidichimo usually gives the homework near the end of class, so it has to be done at home," said Lipski.

"I love working in groups because things get done quicker and we all work together really well," said freshman Skylar Davenport. Junior Ben Stassin and sophomore Desarae Garcia work with Davenport on their geometry packets in Sarah Cohen's honors class.



Math

Exavior Zeiler, 10



Jesse Gates, 12

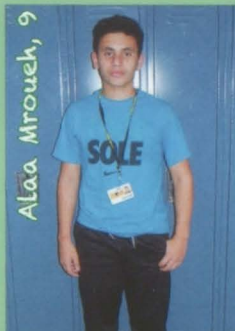


Josh Zoran, 11



Watch Out For...

Alaa Mrroueh, 9



"I'm in honors geometry as a freshman, and it's very challenging. Future students should prepare themselves for a whole lot of homework, group work, and quizzes. Since it's an honors class, it's harder than regular geometry, and you have to put a lot of work in to the class to make sure you get the grade that you want. Studying for any class is important as well, even for math."

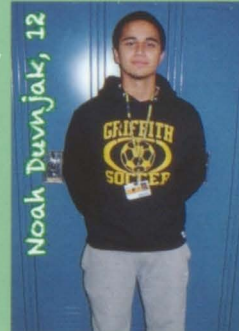
"Really pay attention in finite math, because it can be hard to understand sometimes. Make sure to study the handouts and review guides for quizzes and tests because they can get tricky. Don't slack off in math class, or any class really, because you need all of the information you learn for college. The more you know, the easier it'll be. Even if you find something unimportant now."

Alexander Kepthor, 12



"If you're on the fence about taking calculus, take it. Pre cal is a lot harder than actual calculus. Mrs. Chidichimo is a really great teacher and she'll help you understand things if you have a problem. Paying attention to details is a big part of it, too. Also, calculus helps prepare for college next year, too. The more prepared you are for that, the better off you'll be. Even if it's hard at times."

Noah Duvnjak, 12



How to survive math

Being prepared is a must in any math class. From algebra to calculus, students cannot survive without the essentials. Supplies ranges from pencils to graphing calculators to a protractor.

"Always come prepared to math because if you don't have your stuff, it'll be hard to keep up with that day's lesson. Being behind in class makes it difficult to learn because you have to teach yourself the material," said sophomore Kyle Labicki.

Getting good grades in math is very important for the future, especially when attending college. The idea of complex math being involved in a career is very common, Slacking off in high school will create many problems for the road ahead.

"Your calculator is your best friend. Love your calculator," said sophomore Christine Morikis, "one day without a calculator could ruin a whole week of math lessons."

Whether it's a graphing calculator or a scientific calculator, make sure you always have one handy. Especially in the more advanced classes like pre calculus and calculus, you cannot and will not survive without one.

Good luck, Griffith High School students. Math is a hard battle for your 4 years, so be prepared. It's survival of the fittest.



The biology students completed a lab that allowed them to see how chemicals reacted in different situations. "Labs can be really boring, but this one was interesting because I got to see how some chemicals changed when they were heated up or mixed with other chemicals," said freshman Lacy Shipp.

In physics, Jane Villaroman took her physics students outside to shoot off bottle rockets to measure speed and velocity. "It was definitely one of my favorite labs, but I kept getting annoyed because the pumps were hard to push down to send off the rockets," said senior Cara Smith.

Class advantages

Most of the science classes are not required to graduate high school. Biology and chemistry are the only mandatory classes but there are multiple advantages from taking other science courses. For example, students can receive college credits from taking anatomy and AP biology. Also, if students are planning on graduating with a honors diploma, taking AP biology or anatomy will count towards that goal.

"I didn't even know that most of the science classes weren't mandatory, but I am planning on taking anatomy because I want to go into the medical field and I've always liked science classes," said junior Katelyn Venice.

There are easier classes to take such as earth and space science and environmental science. There are also some more challenging classes including Chemistry II and physics. These classes can be useful to take for many different career paths and will help one to get into college.

"In my opinion, students should take as much science as they possibly can. Science helps students to increase their critical thinking skills and it is also a good background to have when applying for colleges and jobs. Besides, you never know, you might really enjoy one of these science classes and want take it in college even if you feel like you already know what you want to do in college," said science teacher Jane Villaroman.



What's your Favorite Lab?



"My favorite lab was in chemistry when we did a chemical bonds lab. We took the top of a can and put it on the Bunsen burner and put chemicals on the top to see which ones dissolved faster. It helped me understand how different elements reacted with heat."

Gabriella Hamm, 10



"We had a project where we had to make puzzles with the periodic table in Chemistry II. It was difficult, but I enjoyed making it. It took me a long time to make, but we got to work with partners so that made it easier. I liked it because it helped me remember the elements."

Ryan Zuklin, 12



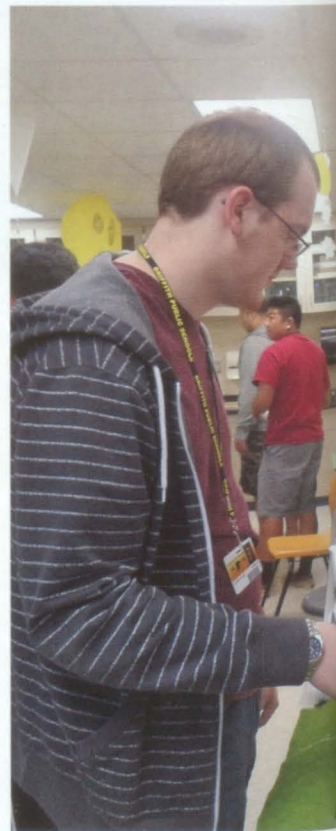
"I did a lab in biology where we had to test foods to see if they were an acid or a base. I enjoyed it because it was a very hands on experiment and I got to test a variety of foods. It also allowed me to see what foods are bad and healthy for me."

Allison Biancardi, 9



"In chemistry we had to put unknown chemicals on a stick and burn them to decide which chemicals were which. I liked that I got to work with the Bunsen burners. I enjoyed watching the chemicals burn because they made some really cool colors."

Cristian Haddock, 10

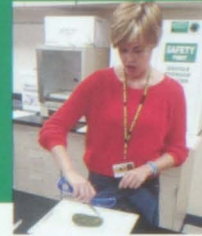


Science

Diane Torres, 11



Alexandra Soy, 11



Jordan Avalos, 12



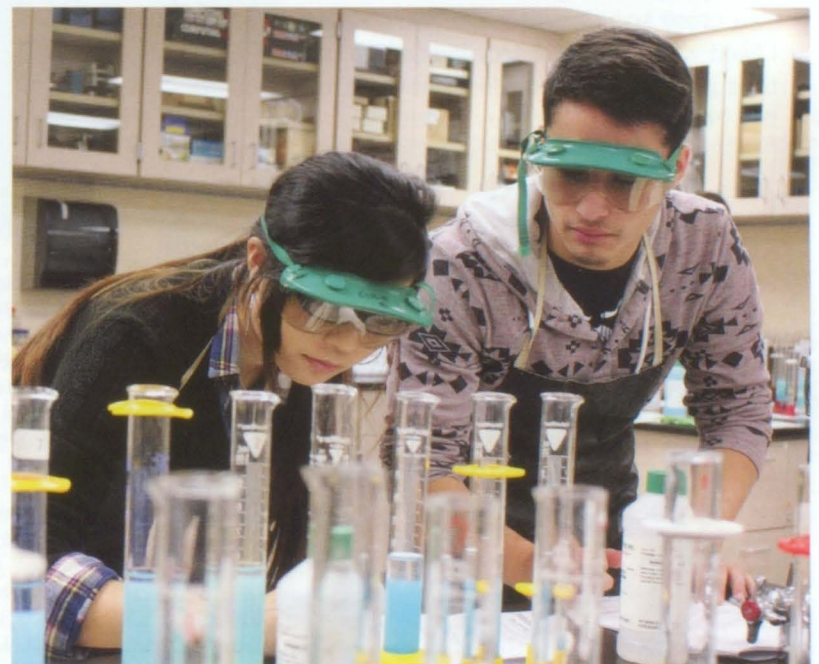
Working diligently on her anatomy lab, junior Kassie Cortez had to dissect a pig. "I want to be a nurse, so it was interesting being able to cut it open and look at the different parts and see what goes on inside the body. We cut out the heart and that was really cool," said Cortez.

All science classes complete multiple labs. For some classes, labs are a major part of understanding the lesson. "I always understand a lesson a lot more after I do a lab. Being able to pick my lab partner helps too because that allows me to enjoy the lab more," said junior Lauren Kovacic.



Working together on their project, junior Logan Sammons and seniors Ryan Nunez and Jon Adams built an ecosystem in Victoria Bunchek's environmental science class. "I enjoyed doing this project because I got to be creative and my partners helped out a lot," said Nunez.

In Chemistry II, students have a lot of labs throughout the year. "Labs are fairly easy if you follow the directions and pay attention. The labs are helpful because they apply to what we will be learning in future lessons," said senior Sam Hom.



APUSH vs. U.S. History



"I like U.S. history because of my teacher, Mrs. Pramuk. Her teaching style is easy for me to follow and understand. The notes are very helpful and they keep me on track. Plus, I am learning a lot of facts about this country."

Askely Vera, 10



"The notes in U.S. history are so easy to comprehend and that helps me get a better grade. Mrs. Pramuk makes it easy to understand even though U.S. history is complex. If you follow all of the notes she gives you, you should get a good grade."

Bethany Bruger, 11



"In APUSH, make sure you plan your time wisely. It is a lot of work and there's a lot of homework. Don't wait until the last minute to do everything. It's a difficult class and a lot of people end up struggling with getting their work done on time."

Lauren Kovacic, 11



"APUSH isn't necessarily hard, it's just a lot of work. We have to write these essays called DBQ's (document based questions) which are really difficult and they take a lot of time. You have to make sure you use your time wisely."

Blair Morton, 12

Psychology vs. Sociology

Even though sociology and psychology both involve the study of the mind, they are completely different classes. Sociology is the study of how a whole group of people act, and psychology is the study of the mind of one person. Both of these are semester courses.

Jenna Berzy teaches both of these classes and she does memorable activities. One activity that is conducted in psychology is the dissection of a sheep brain.

"I joined psychology because I heard that it would be exciting and I was interested in learning about the brain," said junior Tiffany Novak.

There are also a lot of interesting activities that they complete in sociology. Berzy takes her students to a White Sox game to study how the players' brains react as a team. Another experiment is where they have to act different than normal around their friends and see how they react. The sociology students even have to go to the movies by themselves and compare it to going to the movies with other people.

"I enjoy sociology because we do a lot of experiments. I liked when we went to a White Sox game. I had a great time in that class and I liked how we did so many activities," said senior Courtney Valentas.



The psych students had an experiment where they tested their other senses. "It was very scary doing this experiment in psych because I got trapped in a corner and ran into Ms. Berzy, but in the end I survived and made it back to the classroom," said sophomore Bella Maglish.

In advanced US history, students work in groups and write essays. "I am working on my second essay and [junior] Joey Shapiro, and the rest of my group helped improve my introductory paragraph. Editing helps make my writing better," said sophomore Luke Reid.



Social Studies

Robyn Helton, 11



Marissa Perez, 11



Brian Brzycki, 11



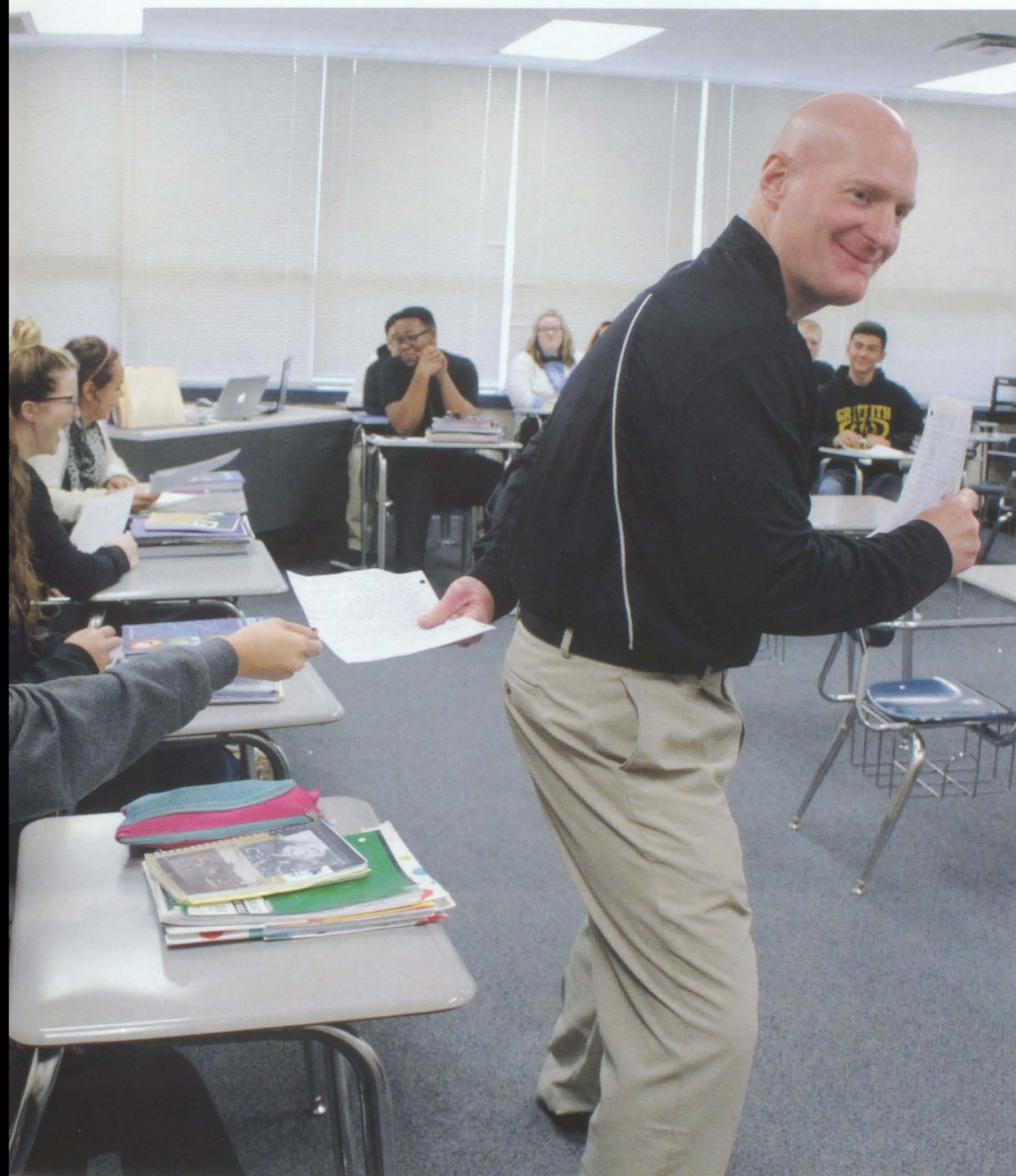
Jim Pickett passes out papers in his economy class in an interesting way. "Mr. Pickett is a great teacher. Even though he can be silly, he easily flips back to class mode. When he handed me the paper like that I was laughing really hard," said senior Christy Slagle.

What is AP Psychology?

This year, our school was introduced to a new social studies course, AP psychology. This course takes one year to complete and is the introduction to college psychology. Even though this is an AP class, there are no mandatory classes that are needed prior to this course.

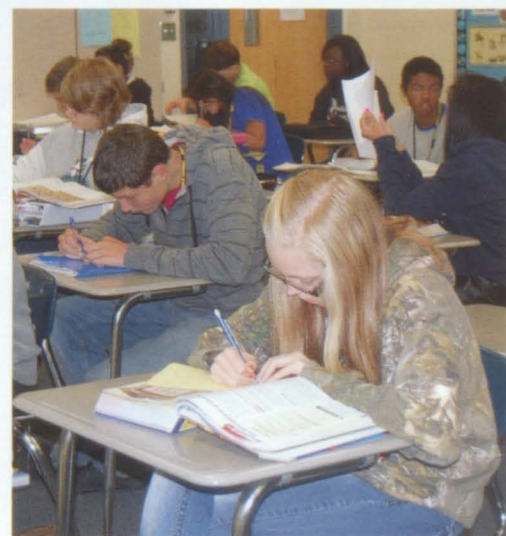
"This is my first AP class so it was difficult to transition into a harder class with more work, but I am excited to be taking the class," said sophomore Abbey Dobosz. Dobosz did not take psychology or sociology before entering AP psychology so, she did not know what to expect when she decided to take the course.

Since this is an AP class the students will face some challenges. "AP psychology is very difficult and we get a lot of homework. Even though it can be a hard class, you will pass as long as you take notes, do the homework, and study for all of the tests to get more out of the class while still having a good time," said sophomore Bridget Beck.



Every year, Jenna Berzy's world history studies the zero year of time, which is going from BC to AD. "This year we had a party for the year. The zero party was interesting to see everyone working together to bring food for everyone to share," said freshman Ali Schoon.

"We take a lot of notes in world history, but I don't mind it because we don't get homework very often. I would rather take a lot of notes than have homework everyday. Plus, the notes help me to pass my tests," said sophomore Amber Grubish.



During French class, sophomore Abbey Dobosz works on her project for Mardi Gras. "Ever since French I I've been waiting to do this project. It was interesting learning about Mardi Gras and making the float," said Dobosz.

¡Hola! ¿Como estas?

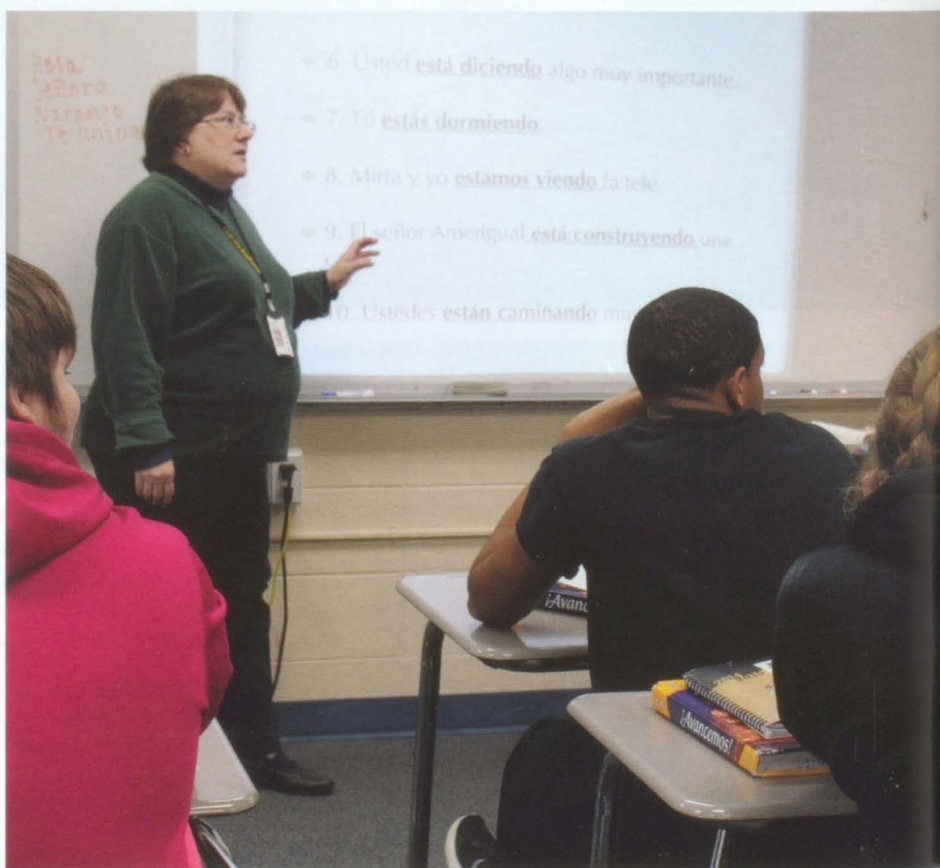
Spanish is always a commonly taken class here at GHS. Between Spanish and French, more people take Spanish. GHS offers Spanish I through Spanish III, then AP Spanish following after. The teachers for the Spanish classes are Mrs. Naranjo, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Vondrak, and Mrs. Bunchek. Naranjo teaches Spanish I and Spanish II, Ford teaches Spanish I, Spanish III and AP Spanish, Vondrak teaches Spanish I and Spanish II, and Bunchek teaches Spanish I. Naranjo has been teaching here for 15 years Ford has been teaching here for 8 years, Vondrak has been teaching here for 2 years, and Bunchek has been teaching here for 4 years.

"Every year I hope to have more and more students take Spanish. Many students don't think it's necessary to take a foreign language, but having a second language really comes in handy. Whether you're traveling or out in the city at a restaurant, knowing a second language can help you out in situations where maybe the people in that area don't speak English. Knowing a second language opens many doors," said Ford. It doesn't hurt to know another language, no matter what career one chooses to take, having another language in hand will help people throughout their future. "I'm glad I chose to take a foreign language. I know I'll need it in the future," said sophomore Bella Maglish.



"I enjoyed working on the Mardi Gras shoebox project. My group was really great. I think we did a pretty good job on it," said Jeremiah Reitz. Every February, French III does a shoebox project over Mardi Gras.

During Naranjo's 6th hour class, the students learn about conjugation. "Conjugation is one of the hardest things to learn in Spanish, but you eventually get the hang out it," said junior Bo Sanders.



Foreign Languages

Spanish vs. French



Breanna Hamilton, 10

"Spanish is better than French because it's easier to learn and the activities we do in class are fun and help us understand the language," said Hamilton.



Matt McInerney, 10

"I think French is better than Spanish because French taught me that love is love and it opened me to our love for croissants," said McInerney.



Zach Thomas, 11

"Spanish is cooler because dusseldorf was conjured in Mexico and it'll help when I go to Mexico and order a burger with dusseldorf," said Thomas.



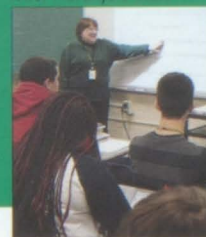
Dana Jelenski, 10

"French is better than Spanish because French is the language of love and the culture is more interesting than to American culture," said Jelenski.

Reba Hart, 12



Mrs. Naranjo's class



David Dowd, 11



"I like Mrs. Naranjo's teaching style. She goes over everything thoroughly so everyone understands the material," said sophomore Giovanni Kempt as he sits in Mrs. Naranjo's lesson on new vocabulary terms.

The students in Mrs. Naranjo's class take notes over the culture in South America. "My favorite topic to learn in this class is the culture of the different countries in the different units," said sophomore Isaiah Ramirez.

Bonjour! Ça Va? Au Revoir!

Along with Spanish, French classes are also offered here at GHS. The teacher for French is Mrs. Hageman, also known as Madame. Madame has been teaching for 12 years. She is the only French teacher here and teaches French I through French IV. Madame includes perks after every class of French is completed. After French I is completed, the students get to pick a French name for French II. After French II is completed, they're able to do projects, such as the Mardi Gras shoebox project. After French III is completed, the students take field trips in French IV. "In my opinion, French is the most beautiful language. I hope my students fall in love with it the same way I did," said Madame.

French is spoken in 50+ countries, mainly in France. There are also many French speaking colonies in southern Africa and North America. Canada speaks a different form of French and in the United States, Louisiana has a French speaking town, New Orleans, as well as many other small suburbs.

"I've been taking French since freshman year and I love it! It's always exciting learning about the culture and traditions in France. I know that French will help me in my future, especially when I pursue my goal of traveling around the world," said junior Diane Torres.





Drawing class can increase drawing skills if the students taking the class actually dedicate themselves. In drawing: beginners class, sophomore Ashley Ramirez works on her drawing project. "I chose to draw Prince Royce because he's my favorite singer of all time," said Ramirez.

Painting a plaster face, senior Tiffany Smolen adds detail to a project that she created. "I really enjoyed 3-D art first semester, even though I never thought that this kind of craft would be a strong point for me but I had a great time in that class," said Smolen.



Projects to Remember



"I drew a singer named Andy Biersack from the band Black Veil Brides. I chose to draw him for my project because he's a big inspiration on me. I love his band and getting to draw him was a challenge but I got through it. I was really happy with how it looked."

Lacy Shipp, 9



"For one of our projects in ceramics, we got to make a pot called the exposed coil pot. I really enjoyed making it because I got to make it my own. I was able to put my personality into it because I didn't have to follow any rules and I got to paint any color I wanted."

Desarae Garcia, 10



"I was really inspired when this project was assigned to me because I love everything about photography. Taking pictures has always been a fun hobby for me, that's why I took this class. Taking pictures of objects always comes off as interesting as me."

Emily Pawlicki, 10



"I found ceramics a little hard to deal with. It was very difficult to get the hang of it, but the longer I worked on my pots the easier it got and I found the class more exciting. I'm glad I took ceramics because I love making new things and being creative with clay."

Jennise Rivera 12



In photography, sophomore Kiara Miller is on her second step in developing her negatives. "Developing negatives is alright. I prefer the printing process more though, because I get to see all my hard work. Over all, I like photography and I plan on taking it again," said Miller.

Arts and crafts

It's a new year so that means new projects. Art is one of the many classes where students can show their creativity and what makes them different from everybody else. Some people use art as a form of expressing themselves or as a stress reliever. The art classrooms are environments where students are encouraged to be themselves and portray that in their art.

Jim Graff, the ceramics and photography teacher, teaches his students new techniques and skills everyday. Students enjoy being in his classes, especially the most popular art class, which is ceramics. "Not everybody knows this, but I actually really enjoy being creative and making new things with clay, that's why I took ceramics," said senior Sam Bakker. "Mr. Graff is a great teacher and he always makes the environment chill by playing music while we work," said Bakker.

Ceramics is a semester long class, where you learn the basics of pottery. Students learn how to extract coils, use the slab roller, and put clay into the pugmil. The projects vary from coil pots to stamp pots made from slabs.

Mr. Graff also teaches a semester long photography class that can be taken up to four times. He teaches his students how to develop pictures, photography's history, and the functions of the camera. Students learn in the classroom, and eventually venture into using their cameras and developing their photos in the dark room.

Art

Karissa Baker, 9



Cassandra Metz, 10



Amir Wright, 11



In her Ceramics I class, sophomore Antonia Williams works on painting her exposed coil pot that she made by hand with clay. "When I was assigned this project, I was so excited to make the pot my own. I really loved the way it looked once it was all finished," said Williams.

Changing it up

Along with new projects, occasionally comes new teachers. Last year, Mrs. Sadler retired meaning that the art department needed someone to fill her position; Maggie Rivera was up for the job. "I like the projects we are doing so far with Mrs. Rivera. For our first project we did self-portraits and my friend said I looked like a Captain America character and I was confused," said junior Griffen Metz.

She has her painting students work with oil pastels, water colors and acrylic paints to widen their understanding of the different styles of painting. "Painting is my favorite class. I took it my sophomore year, and it was my first painting class. I was so glad that I had the option to do painting II," said senior Alicia Baker. They worked on painting landscapes, and cut out galaxies.

In art history they would have an artist of the week and study that one artist to learn about their styles and artistic abilities. For a project they also made color wheels to better understand how colors affect one another. "I've taken art history about three times. Not because I failed or anything, but because I love what I learn in that class. It's really interesting having to learn about a new outfit every week, and I'm glad I'm in it again," said senior Chelsea Gonzales.

While in Ceramics IV, senior Franceen Dybel works on making handles for her pot from the wheel. "I made a pot on the wheel and now I'm working on making a handle for it. I'm really satisfied with the way it turned out," said Dybel.





During her time in child development, sophomore Dana Jelenski put on the empathy belly to experience what it's like to be nine months pregnant. "The belly was awkward to wear because of how big and bulky it was," said Jelenski. Everyone has to wear the belly for an hour.

While she fills in the heart that interior design made with hand prints, senior Lexi Johnson gets help from Shannon Scheidel while decorating the nurses office. "Redecorating was actually difficult because we had to follow what they wanted and not go by personal wants," said Johnson.

Watch out for...



"I was in child development my junior year and the most difficult project we had was hands down the babies. The baby always woke up at least three times a night and you have to feed it for about 45 minutes each. Another thing with the babies was that they always cried during the good parts of movies so you had to miss it. Sometimes I do miss it being around though."

Elizabeth Morikis, 12

"The project that was the hardest for me in textiles was the pajama pants. I really got no instructions to work off of and had to go off of what Ms. Scheidel told us to do. Although it was a tough project, it was nice to be challenged in something. The final product was worth all of the hard work though, because the pants are really comfortable and I like the pattern I chose. I sleep in them all the time."

Skylar Davenport, 9



Facts about FACS

The FACS department consists of Child Development I and II, Culinary Arts, Interior Decorating, Education Professions, Textiles, College Career Prep, and Adult Prep. All seven of these classes are taught by Shannon Scheidel and Sara Novak. "Being a new teacher is exciting, but can also be very stressful at times," said Novak.

The classes teach skills such as cooking, baking, sewing, what to prepare for when expecting a child, college, and adult responsibilities. These classes are not core classes and can provide a relief in a stressful day. Most are only one semester, but some continue into the second semester.

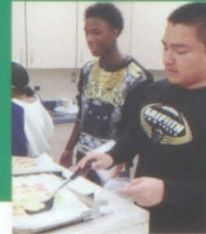
In child development, students learn about the developing baby and how to take care of kids after they are born. "Child development is one of my favorite classes because learning about children is really interesting," said sophomore Abbey Dobosz. Some of the things people taking this class can look forward to is the empathy belly, or fake pregnancy stomach, and the fake baby to take care of. In textiles, a lot of people look forward to making their own pair of pajama pants. In culinary arts, students learn the basics needed to cook just about anything.



One of the big projects that the textiles class participates in is making pajama pants. Senior Charriyah Weatherspoon worked diligently on hers. "Learning to sew and make clothes was a smart move because I can now use these skills later in life," said Weatherspoon.

Family and Consumer Science

Norberto Nunez, 10



Katie James, 12



Tyana Hendricks, 12



For a few days before school let out for winter break, the students taking the Culinary Arts I class baked Christmas cookies to get in the holiday spirit. "When we baked cookies, I gave them to Ms. Candiano for a present instead," said freshman Maddie Kruse.



A Look into the future

Along with the classes everyone knows about such as culinary arts, textiles, and child development, there are a few classes that are unknown to the students. These classes are college career prep, education professions, and interior design. In college and career prep, students learn the skills necessary to be successful in the future. This class is helpful for anyone who is planning on going to college and having a good career in the future. Education professions is an ideal class if one wants to become a teacher or work with kids as a career choice.

Cadet teaching allows students to leave the school for a certain amount of time to go to the elementary schools to help a teacher of the cadets choice and get a hands on experience of being a teacher. This is all possible if someone takes education professions as a class. "I enjoy cadet teaching because I've never done anything like this and it makes me feel like a little teacher," said senior Jennise Rivera.

In interior design, people learn all about decorating a house or a room that caters exactly to what a person wants it to look like. For their final every year, they look for a spot in the school that could be spruced up. This year, they decided to go with the nurses office. They asked the nurses what they wanted and redecorated the room to fulfill their wishes. The students changed the paint color of the office and made hand prints on one of the walls in the shape of a heart.



In culinary arts, the class bakes all kinds of goods, including cookies. "We baked at least three types of cookies in first semester, and we decorated them according to the project. The best part though, was eating them afterwards," said senior Lawrence Mosley.

Sport guidance

Education and health are two key parts of one's life. GHS offers classes to help students get a better understanding of how to stay healthy and active. Class choices include: traditional PE, APC, team sports, health, and substance abuse. The activities range from playing a sport in gym class to lifting weights to learning in the subject.

One year of traditional PE is needed for students and involves participation in multiple different sports. Every two weeks the sport changes with an occasional open gym hour for the students. Team sports and APC are available for upperclassmen. Team sports involves competitions in speedball, basketball, and flag football. APC consists of learning the proper techniques to lift weights.

Not only do students need to take traditional PE, they also must take a health class. The main objective of this class is to help students learn the basic ways to live a healthy life. "Health class is very relaxing. We rarely get homework which is a good thing," said sophomore Renee Adams.

Substance abuse is mainly about helping students make smart decisions while avoiding dangerous situations. "Substance abuse is an interesting yet informative class. My favorite part was wearing the goggles that make you seem like you're intoxicated," said sophomore Joey Soy.



While in health class, sophomore Abbie Strauch demonstrates chest compressions on a dummy. "It was pretty strange having to act like I was breathing in the dummy's mouth, but I'm glad that I know how to give CPR now," said Strauch.

This group of freshmen laugh and talk while keeping a steady pace. "I enjoy taking a PE class and being active. I know a lot of people in my class, which helps make it even better," said freshman Tyler Josephson.

Racing around the fieldhouse track, freshmen Zechariah Winchester and Mekhi Stanford try to finish their laps during PE class. "We usually have open gym, so I spend my time running to strengthen my endurance for track and cross country," said Winchester.



Physical Education

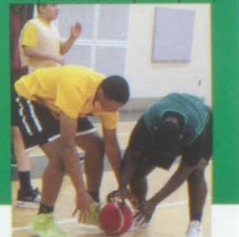
Norberto Nunez, 10



Bria Harris-Smith, 9



Tony Boone, 11 Cj Hampton, 10



The ball is up. Michael Brown's sixth hour team sports class stare wide eyed while playing speed ball. "Team sports gets really competitive. We try to incorporate basketball into speedball when we play. If you don't grind, you don't shine," said junior Kelston Haden.

Pushing til the end, Ben Geffert's third hour APC class tries to get fit by doing planks in the weight room. "Planks aren't my favorite exercise to do during APC, but I pull through because I know it will help me stay fit," said sophomore Stevie Esquivel.

Team Sports vs. P.E.



"Team sports is one of my favorite classes. Basketball and speedball are very entertaining. Since I'm on the basketball team I use that time as extra practice. I suggest that everyone who enjoys being active and playing sports should take the class. You will not regret it."

AL Ervin, 10



"I enjoy PE because it helps keep me in shape for football and basketball. My favorite part of PE is the fitness we do. We play a lot of different sports like volleyball, dodgeball, and basketball. I'm considering taking another gym class next year."

Fredrick Winston, 9



"We usually have open gym for PE. I play basketball and football during this class. I work on my endurance by running laps around the track. The people in my class help make that hour enjoyable. I want to take another gym class next year. I'm considering doing team sports."

Nkosi Heath, 9



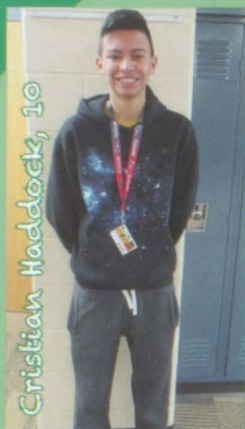
"I enjoy team sports more than PE. Team sports is better because it keeps me active and helps me meet new people. We play speedball and basketball, but I enjoy basketball more. Everyone in the class is very competitive which makes the period interesting."

Michael Villalobos, 10



Understanding Business

Cristian Haddock, 10



"Banking was my favorite unit to do in business. It was the most informative and I feel it will be useful to me in the future."

"Stocks is a very interesting unit in business. It allows you to see how things work in the real world."

Rhiannon Kozy, 12

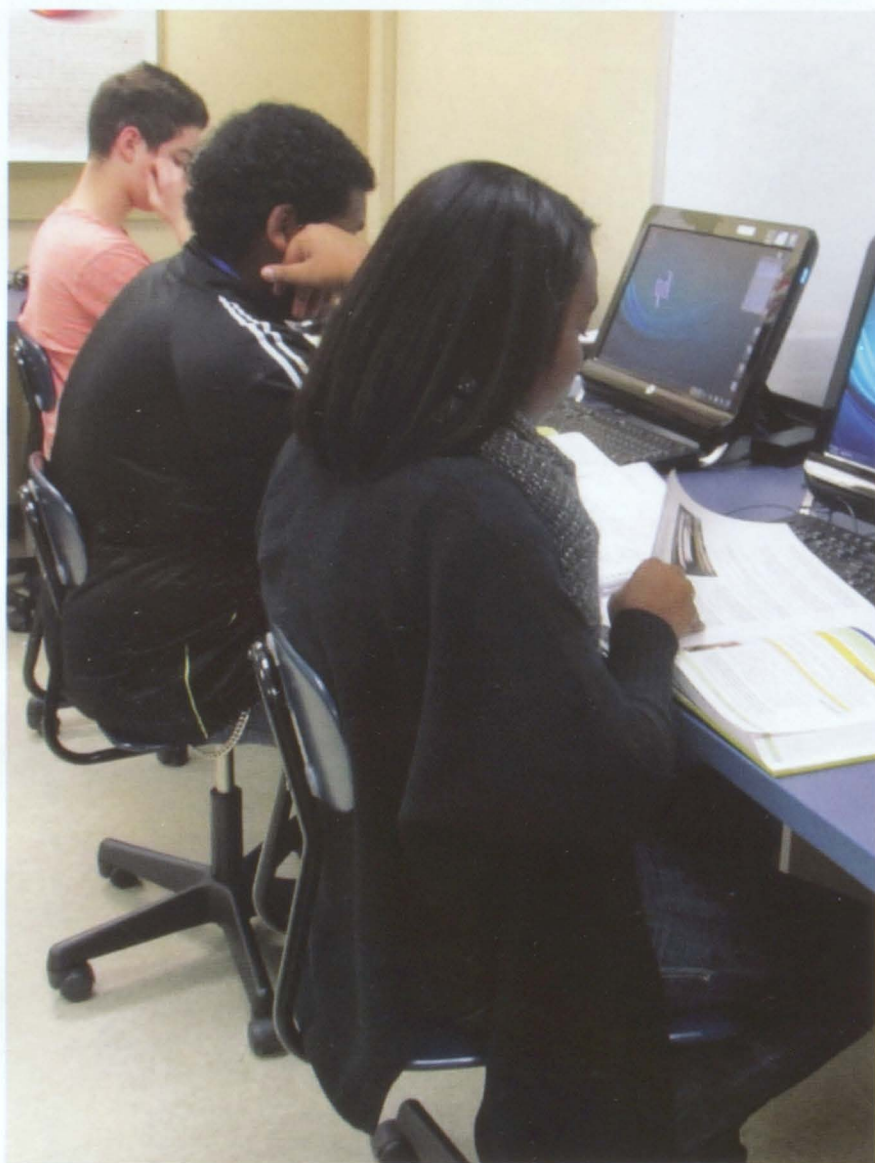


Brandon Burgess, 11



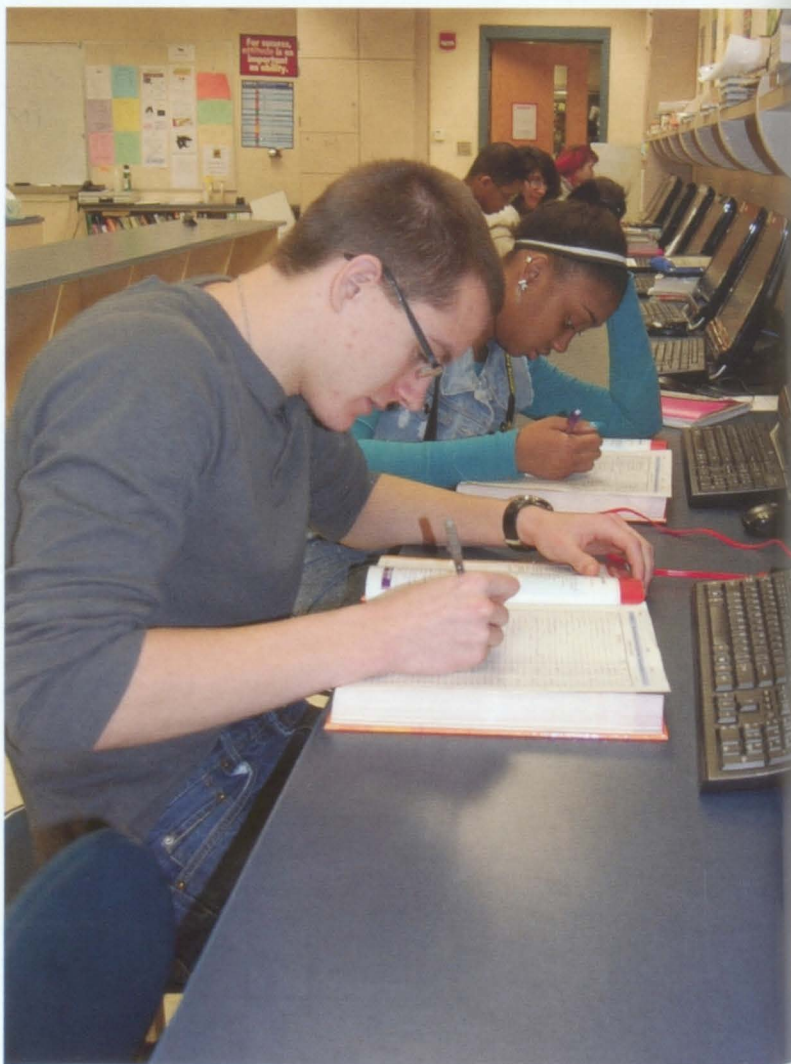
"Learning management in business was entertaining to me. I developed useful skills while working through this lesson."

"Accounting can be pretty hard to understand, but overall it's fairly easy to pass. It helps me learn about money and finances, which will really come in handy in the future. I'm glad I took this class," said senior Ashleigh Rettie as she works on her class assignment.



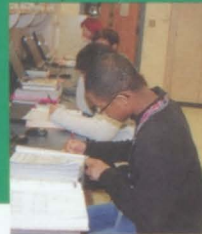
Reading about stocks, junior Alicia James furthers her understanding of business. "Business is pretty easy to pass. We usually read a chapter, have some vocabulary to do, and then we incorporate it on the computer, but sometimes it's tough," said James.

While working on vocabulary in accounting class, junior Nathan Coglianese makes sure he's ready for the next vocab test. "The terms are easy to study and define, but the vocab test can sometimes be overwhelming," said Coglianese.

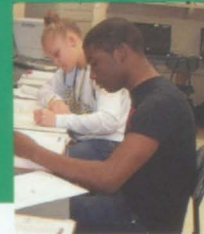


Business

Eric Taylor, 11



Daniel Walker, 11



Becky Gong, 12



Getting down to business

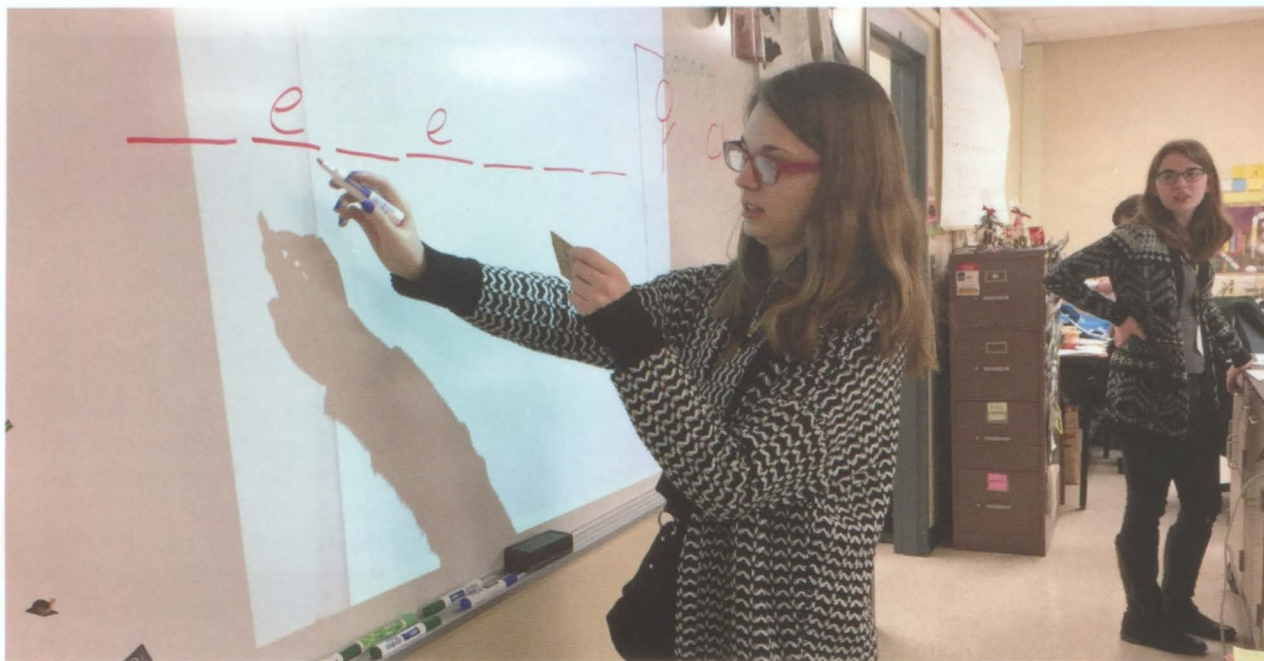
Understanding business is something crucial in everyone's life. Luckily, Griffith offers a variety of business classes such as accounting, introduction to business, marketing, etc to help with informing students about the world of business. These classes also help students that are interested in pursuing a career in the business field. "These classes are very thorough in getting us to understand what business is about; I don't regret taking any of these classes and I know they'll come in handy in the future," said freshman Chris Mares.

This year was also the return of DECA, which is a club of different clusters of business such as hospitality and management, marketing and communications, sports and entertainment, as well as travel and tourism. The DECA members were seniors Elijah Pierce, Nick Johnson, Aaron Brown, Melissa Chiaro, Kassidy Grumbles, Kristi Grumbles, Zach Diamond, Cesar Rodriguez, Kevin Wilson, and Tyana Hendricks and junior Daniel Walker. They competed on March 8 through March 10 in Indianapolis at the Marriott Hotel. Those who advanced competed in Orlando, Florida. "I'm glad that DECA was brought back. I enjoyed competing in Indianapolis with my team. I know that it will help me in my future too," said senior Kristi Grumbles.

"We usually have vocab or homework assignments from the book before we start a new unit on the computer. It doesn't take that long to finish and it's easy to complete," said junior Oscar Magallenes while working on management vocabulary and homework.



Setting up, sophomore Jessica Diaz and the accounting class help out the new clothing store. "Our class helped put the clothes on the racks and the tag prices on the clothes. We occasionally stop in there to check on the store and make sure that everything is balanced," said Diaz.



On the Friday of Turnabout in Jane Villaroman's Chemistry II class, the students pass the hour by playing hangman using terms they learned in class. "Playing hangman was really entertaining and challenging; especially when people would use tricky expressions," said senior Kristi Grumbles.



Expanding education beyond the classroom

Every year, there are many other opportunities available for students who wish to further their education in ways other than in a standard classroom. The most popular choice for "alternative learning" is the Area Career Center located in Hammond. Available to junior and senior students only, ACC allowed its participants to choose a specific career choice to work in and gain an extra understanding of the effort that goes into that profession. The hands on training that each student had the chance to experience will play a major factor in their decision to pursue future careers. The majority of the ACC fields meet before a regular school day starts and they stay in Hammond through third hour.

Another way to get out of the routine of a regular schedule was to join Ivy Tech or the I.C.E. program. Both of these options were only offered to upperclassmen because their purpose was to prepare students for their college years and beyond. In Ivy Tech, students spent two hours in one classroom from Monday through Thursday, earning college credits and being taught by multiple college professors. For those who worked throughout the school year, I.C.E. gave students permission to leave school early to fulfill requirements for their jobs.

Differentiated Learning



Marcus Johnson, 12

"Instead of being in a regular class for the first few hours of the day, Ivy Tech is more free, so I think its better. We're taught by a college professor and we get college credits. In my opinion Mrs. Howe's English 111 writing class is demanding and doing your homework each day is exhausting."



Hannah Miller, 12

"Being in the ICE program is a good opportunity to invest more time into your job because you're able to use those couple of hours to focus on certain things. It's also much easier to balance school and work since you only have a limited amount of classes. I work at Old Navy in Schererville and I leave school at noon."



Jessica Leslie, 12

"Ivy Tech classes are a whole different experience compared to regular classes. Being in this college level course takes more responsibility and time than a normal high school class. You're allowed to be more independent, but you also have to complete your work in order to be successful. It really prepares you for college."



Kevin Matson, 11

"In ACC, I take a class on two fronts: online and in a lab, where I learn components of computers and other electronics. I earn three college credits per semester and I get the opportunity to get the A+ certification, which is an industry standard by Cisco. Earning the networking certification will catch the attention of potential employers."



Alternative Learning

Cesar Rodriguez, 12



Karli Taylor, 11



Trevor Sheffield & Katie Holt, 10



Getting through finals week

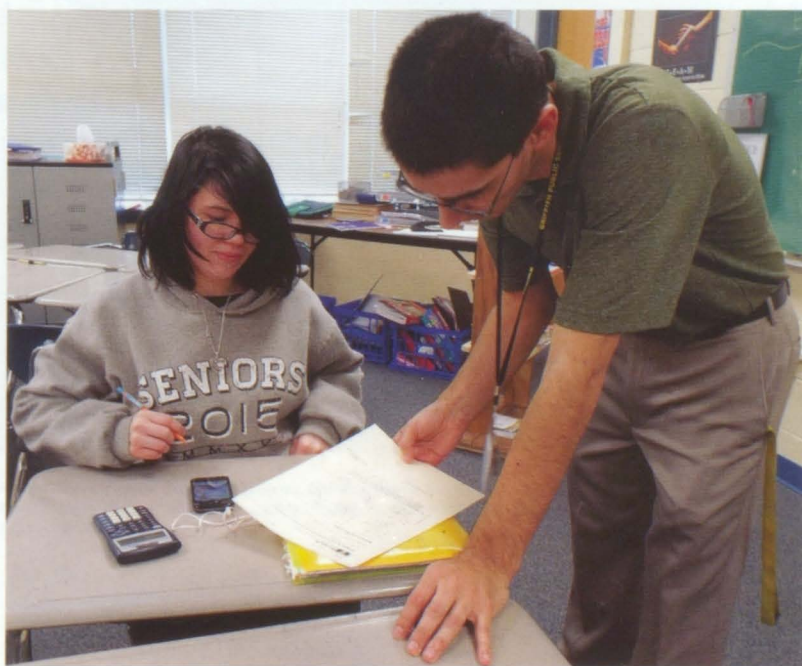
When important chapter tests or final exams are near, studying becomes an essential aspect in order to pass. Looking over review packets alone is preferred by some students while getting together with friends works for others. An option for a great number of students from all grades was to form study groups which would meet before a big exam to go over material. Whether a group decided to meet at Grind House cafe, the library, or even just a group member's house, study groups proved to be a popular and effective solution to preparing for tests. Since finals week was more hectic than normal this school year, finding a way to review took some of the stress off of students.

In previous years, final exams were taken the week before school let out for Christmas vacation and the duration of each class was 50 minutes. For 2014-2015, students had their entire winter break to study for the exams which would be taken the week upon returning to school. However, with the issue of three snow days from January 7-9, the semester was extended until January 23rd. Finals were taken on Thursday and Friday of that week using a block schedule. "I loved it because we got to study more and focus on some classes instead of cramming all the tests into one day," said sophomore Ale Albanese.

During the field trip to the Area Career Center, the students stopped in the cosmetology room and had the opportunity to see the work junior Arlyne Corona does each day. "It was great having them there because I knew they were thinking about doing the cosmetology program this fall," said Corona.

In Luann Pramuk's eighth hour APUSH class, juniors Kody Hoese, Adrian Lopez, Alex Colomes, and Amir Wright work in a group and discuss ideas for their DBQ about Andrew Jackson. "DBQs are very challenging to write, but they most definitely will prepare us for college," said Wright.

Spending a few minutes after school, senior Mary Devine works with Rich Morgan, math, to get a more thorough explanation for her Algebra II homework. "Getting help from Mr. Morgan is very refreshing because I actually understand what I'm doing," said Devine.



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Art club

Being a member of a club comes with the responsibilities of attending meetings, providing ideas for approaching events, and offering assistance at any given time. The various organizations incorporated into Griffith High School's extra curricular program all play a part in contributing to the outcome of each school year. Whether students were carrying boxes of candy throughout the school to raise funds for DECA, selling paper pumpkins for FCCLA to earn money for the March of Dimes, or meeting after school with class council to decorate their grade's homecoming float, club participation was always taking place. New clubs added to this school year included the video game society, AICPA, poetry club, and film club. Along with the brand new groups, DECA returned and changes occurred in multiple clubs, such as new sponsors for the National Honor Society and art club. Clubs allow students to make a difference in their school and offer their input when deciding on dance themes or picking fundraising ideas. Regardless of the club or clubs that a student decided to become part of, our school came together and successfully provided Griffith students with school spirit through creative activities.

Clubs and Activities

OUR support

Spending her after school hours in Shannon Scheidel's textile room, senior Catie Gregor decorates fall sports posters for Booster Club. "Being able to be in booster club has helped me get more involved in the school and allowed me to take part in all of the awesome activities that this club does during the year," said Gregor.

Janna Darnell-Mendez, 12

Student Council blood drive

Concert Choir 1



Row 1: Mercedes SanMiguel, Kassandra Cortez, Victoria Ford, Kaily Gonzalez, Melanie Vera
Row 2: Simone Jones, Jennifer Chur, Leanna Early, Monica Ross, Brittany Gutierrez, Kristin Anderson
Row 3: Jorge Robinson, Jonathan Lanfear, Trevor Sheffield, Zack Keil, Chyna Rex

Concert Choir 2



Row 1: Gardenia Gonzalez, Brook Danielewicz, Rachel Deck, Emily Pawlicki, Kasey Tinsley, Sabrina Dodson, Gabriella Hamm, Ale Albanese
Row 2: Erin Escorza, Amanda Ramos, Courtney Cobb, Kayla Schramm, Alexion Gee, Amber Grubish, Kristin Anderson
Row 3: Andrew Masters, Josh Miller, Phillip Valentin, Ja'Von Quarles, Dale Meyer, Hollie Witvoet, Tray Boone

Chorale



Row 1: Marissa Perez, Leandra Wimmer, Marissa Mendoza, Diane Torres
Row 2: Amber Holley, Sylvie Dowd, Alexander Kepchar, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Elana Jones, Kristin Anderson
Row 3: Daniel Walker, Adrian Jimenez, Josh Zoran, Robbie Hernandez, Greg Copp

Symphonic Choir



Row 1: Riley Hendron, Katie James, Brittany Burbridge, Tina Brantley, Madison Watts
Row 2: Jocelyn Serna, Alex Soy, Stephanie Cordova, Charriyah Weatherspoon, Jacob Adams, Rachel Kruhaj, Alex Longoria, Kristin Anderson
Row 3: Gage Corona, Laura Slayton, Andrew Bowman, Elijah Pierce, James Thomas

Choralettes



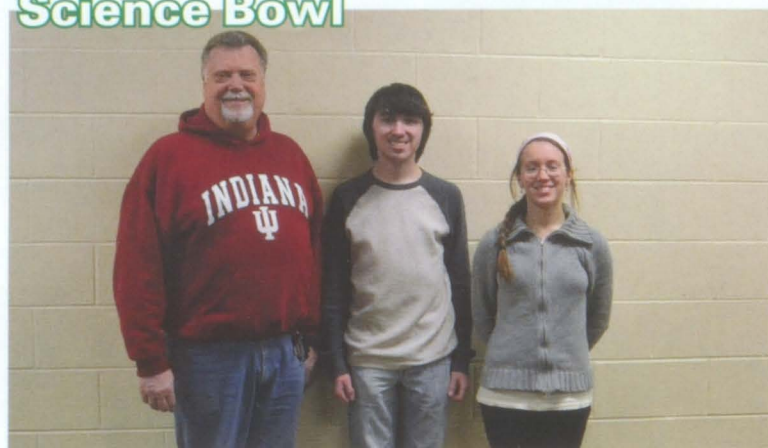
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Row 2: Paige Ramirez, Karissa Baker, Breanne Shipp, Tatum Josephson, Elizabeth Perkovich, Laura Reid, Jada Roberson, Cassandra Barnaby, Haley Gearhart, Kristin Anderson
Row 3: Jessica Foster, Courtney Smith, Leslie Leon, Brittany Brady, Victoria Metcalf, Erica Ward, Trinity Austin, Leah Vuckovich, Katelyn Leslie, Christina Dorsey
Row 4: Ali Schoon, Kylie Maloney, Delia Booker, Jasmine Russell, Anna Saberniak, Mary Lesko, Devon Rafferty, Storm Fleming, Veronica Matthews

Choralaires



Row 1: Thomas Perez, Marcelino Gutierrez, Christian Rivera, Mark Whitlock, Shawn Graham, Kristin Anderson
Row 2: Jacob Damski, John Lawson, Adrian Rodriguez, Shawn Falstrom, Collin Meadows, Thomas McCarthy, Jeremy Paganelli

Science Bowl



Row 1: Don Whittemore, Kevin Matson, Emily Matson

Math Bowl



Row 1: Michelle Beck, Bridget Beck, Emily Matson, Melissa Chiaro, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Kristi Grumbles
Row 2: Cassidy Grumbles, Kevin Matson, Tommy Biancardi, Kevin Wilson, Alec Fowler, Christine Chidichimo

English Bowl



Row 1: Abbey Dobosz, Bridget Beck, Michelle Beck, Janna Darnell-Mendez
Row 2: Kristi Grumbles, Blair Morton, Kayla Labuda, Cassidy Grumbles
Row 3: Kristina Collard, Corynn Kealey, Tommy Biancardi, Kiki Dunn, Kevin Wilson, Dara Meece

Social Studies Bowl



Row 1: Hannah Ramirez, Emily Matson, Sammie Rettie
Row 2: Adam Kent, Kevin Matson

Fine Arts Bowl



Row 1: Hannah Ramirez

Spell Bowl



Row 1: Marissa Perez, Kiki Dunn, Diane Torres

Freshmen Class Council



Row 1: Isis Kirkland, Jocelyn Hayes, Tatum Josephson, Laura Reid, Leslie Leon, Alexis Gardner, Breanna Shipp
Row 2: Thomas Perez, Erica Ward, Victoria Perez, Skylar Davenport, Hannah Ramirez, Trinity Austin
Row 3: Marrisra Walter, Julian Rutherford, Ben Jacobs, Kacie Kruhaj, Ali Schoon

Sophomore Class Council



Row 1: Bridget Beck, Josh Miller, Dana Jelenski,
Row 2: Lilyana Salazar, Abbey Dobosz, Joey Soy, Evan Queen
Row 3: Ashley Vera, Gabby Hamm, Keith Hernandez, Rachel Deck, Michelle Beck, Alexis Gonzalez
Row 4: Rachel Kruhaj, Leah Haj, Bella Maglish, Carson Grin, Matt McInerney

Junior Class Council



Row 1: Victoria Holtzer, Tommy Biancardi, Adrian Lopez, Greg Copp
Row 2: Sabrina Garcia, Marissa Perez, Leandra Wimmer, Stephanie Lockhart, Camryn Linders, Nicole Hamm, Marissa Mendoza, Alex Leon, Tiffany Novak
Row 3: Teliya Loudner, Riley Hendron, Lauren Vieyra, Jordan Galindo, Taylor Kazmer, Lauren Kovacic, Rachel Adams, Daniella Ayala, Alex Colomes
Row 4: Kersten Collins, Jacob Adams, Connor Pascoe, Louis Dybel, Anthony Quintero, Josh Zoran, Nathan Vuckovich, Collin Sutton, Logan Perry, Lily Maravilla, Jillian Beaupain

Getting Involved in Class Council

"Being a freshman, I felt like I wouldn't have been able to make a difference, but we're helped raise money for Turnabout this year with a pie fundraiser."

Jocelyn Hayes, 9



"It means a lot to me that I can influence others to help out with the school's needs or activities. Turnabout is also a great way to step up and be creative."

Evan Queen, 10

"As a junior, we took charge of Prom and I was very excited to help out to make it a memorable dance for everyone who attended prom. I really enjoy helping plan dances."

Greg Copp, 11



Senior Class Council



Row 1: Zach Diamond, Anwar Issa
Row 2: Brittany Burbridge, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Emmy Martoccio, Katie James, Rebecca Carpenter, Savannah Gutierrez
Row 3: Elizabeth Morikis, Alexander Kepchar, Kiki Dunn, Alec Fowler, Matthew Miller, Tyana Hendricks, Noah Duvnjak

Club Expectations



Aaron Brown, 12

"I really enjoy DECA because it's an interesting club with a lot of interesting people, and I hope to learn a lot more about business than what I already know."



Megan Wilson, 9

"I joined International Club because I wanted to learn more about different cultures, and I heard the food was really good from my older friends."

DECA



Row 1: Rebecca Carpenter, Teliya Loudenber, Jenna Bellamy, Jazmin Lopez, Madison Plebanski, Diane Torres, Marissa Mendoza
Row 2: Trevor Steffan, Alexander Kepchar, Elijah Pierce, Annaliese Dawes, Kayla Schramm, Christy Slagle
Row 3: Kiki Dunn, Nick Johnson, Aaron Brown, Zach Diamond, Alec Fowler, Antonio Suarez, Kevin Wilson

Booster Club



Row 1: Haley Gearhart, Rebecca Carpenter, Alexis Engle, Laura Reid, Abbey Dobosz, Morgan Ladendorf, Alexis Gardner, Sabrina Garcia, Kaylyn Perez
Row 2: Leandra Wimmer, Katie Holt, Diane Torres, Christine Morikis, Rachel Deck, Gabby Hamm, Teliya Loudenber, Nikki Hamm, Renee Mierzwa, Camryn Linders
Row 3: Courtney Smith, Riley Hendron, Sarah Balboa, Elizabeth Morikis, Emilie Martocchio, Lauren Vieyra, Rachel Adams, Victoria Holtzer, Tina Brantley
Row 4: Ali Schoon, Catie Gregor, Jazmin Lopez, Adrianna McClain, Karol Ames, Justine Martinez, Ashley Moore, Jillian Beaupain, Banesa Jaimez-Garcia, Dana Jelenski
Row 5: Sam McNeiley, Antonia Williams, Natalie Halley, Kersten Collins, Kiki Dunn, Aaron Brown, Anwar Issa, Zack Keil, Lily Maravilla, Alexander Kepchar, Jocelyn Lujen

International Club



Row 1: Alexis Gonzalez, Marcus Johnson, Kiki Dunn, Dana Jelenski, Lauren Kovacic, Bridget Beck
Row 2: Megan Wilson, Courtney Tinsley, Makiyah Perry-Bell, Jacob Rothchild, Alex Leon, Tiffany Novak, Diane Torres, Sabrina Garcia, Taylor Grady, Yamia Smith, Grace Szymanski
Row 3: Abbey Dobosz, Alexis Gardner, Riley Hendron, Ly-Lyse McGee, Julia Carrillo, Alex Longoria, Christine Morikis, Michelle Beck, Amber Holley, Megan Miller
Row 4: Lilyana Salazar, Ali Schoon, Jazmin Lopez, Sylvia Dowd, Noah Mitcheltree, Dara Meece, Banesa Jaimez-Garcia, Melissa Chiaro, Becky Gong, Jenny Gong, Laura Reid
Row 5: Chyna Rex, Lily Maravilla, Bella Maglish, Adrian Jimenez, Ben Jacobs, Collin Pascoe, Khalil Carter, Natalie Halley, Alejandra Acevedo, Kayla Piper, Delia Booker

Student Council



Row 1: Tommy Biancardi, Kiki Dunn, Aaron Brown, Victoria Holtzer
Row 2: Sabrina Garcia, Grace Szymanski, Clarissa Mosely, Abbey Dobosz, Trinity Austin, Lilyana Salazar, Tiffany Novak, Alexis Gardner, Marissa Perez
Row 3: Bridget Beck, Thomas Perez, Erica Ward, Lauren Vieyra, Alexander Kepchar, Robert Hernandez, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Ali Schoon, Hannah Ramirez, Michelle Beck, Tyana Hendricks, Laura Reid
Row 4: Allison Biancardi, Rachel Adams, Lauren Kovacic, Jacob Adams, Isabella Maglish, Dontray Estelle, Kersten Collins, Jordan Galindo, Matthew McInerney, Dana Jelenski, Keith Hernandez, Ashley Vera
Row 5: Josh Miller, Ben Jacobs, Jared Lipski, Alec Fowler, Zach Diamond, Kody Hoese, Nathan Vuckovich, Blake Megquier, Anwar Issa

FCCLA



Row 1: Marissa Mendoza, Camryn Linders, Trinity Austin, Laura Reid, Brittany Burbridge, Teliya Loudenber, Banesa Jaimez-Garcia, Marissa Perez, Sabrina Garcia
Row 2: Thomas Perez, Victoria Holtzer, Becky Gong, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Christine Morikis, Lauren Kovacic, Jenny Gong, Abbey Dobosz, Tina Brantley, Matthew McInerney
Row 3: Courtney Smith, Rachel Adams, Alexandria Longoria, Elizabeth Morikis, Sarah Balboa, Riley Hendron, Hannah Ramirez, Dana Jelenski, Lauren Vieyra
Row 4: Ali Schoon, Catie Gregor, Kristi Grumbles, Ashleigh Rettie, Jazmin Lopez, Sam McNeiley, Jocelyn Lujen, Cassidy Grumbles, Melissa Chairio, Jillian Beaupain
Row 5: Cara Smith, Alexis Gonzalez, Sylvie Dowd, Daniel Perez, Nijah Robinson, Rachel Kruhaj, Charelle Smith, Marcus Johnson, Alexander Kepchar, Chyna Rex, Anwar Issa
Row 6: Lily Maravilla, Tajhane Redding, Adrian Jimenez, Brett Tauber, Aaron Brown, Zach Diamond, Collin Pascoe, Kiki Dunn, Taylor Kazmer, Shamyra Fitzpatrick, Isabella Maglish

GLS



Row 1: Rebecca Schnoor, Alyssa Skertich, Kiki Dunn, Lauren Kovacic, Storm Fleming, Celeste Villarruel
Row 2: Corynn Kealey, Nick Johnson, Zach Diamond, Cesar Rodriguez, Jim Graff

Art Club



Row 1: Gabriella Quintana, Jocelyn Serna, Megan Wilson, Courtney Smith, Kayla Rooke, Anna Gonzales, Yania Smith, Sarah Thomas, Emily Keck
Row 2: Chelsea Gonzales, Alicia Baker, Jenna Dye, Cas Metz, Melissa Chairo, Elise Dorsey, Braylin Welk, Kayla LaBuda
Row 3: Kayla Schramm, Leyah Hodge, Calvin Robertson, Taylor Reynolds, Andrew Bowman, Jamie Thomas, Lauren Rotermond

NHS



Row 1: Alec Fowler, Zach Diamond, Savannah Sammons
Row 2: Marissa Perez, Cassandra Cortez, Emily Matson, Kayla LaBuda, Alex Colomes, Alissa Sims, Katie James, Elana Jones, Victoria Holtzer, Riley Hendron, Tiffany Novak, Diane Torres, Alex Leon, Marissa Mendoza
Row 3: Janna Darnell-Mendez, Brittany Burbridge, Melissa Chairo, Cassidy Grumbles, William Robinson, Emilie Martoccio, Eric Taylor, Lauren Vieyra, Kevin Matson, Kristi Grumbles, Tyana Hendricks, Becky Gong, Lauren Kovacic
Row 4: Blair Morton, Lily Maravilla, David Dowd, Robert Hernandez, Taylor Kazmer, Kersten Collins, Nick Dieguez, Adrian Lopez, Alexander Kepchar, Sam Hom, Jacob Adams, Jillian Beaupain
Row 5: Tommy Biancardi, Chad Campbell, Nick Johnson, Jared Lipski, Kody Hoese, Scott Nolan, Aaron Brown, Brett Tauber, Kiki Dunn, Adrian Jimenez, Kevin Wilson

Poetry Club



Row 1: Marissa Mendoza, Rebecca Schnoor, Teliya Loudember, Diane Torres
Row 2: Janna Darnell-Mendez, Kiki Dunn, Emily Gonzales

Drama Club



Row 1: Cassidy Grumbles, Kiki Dunn, Nick Johnson, Jon Adams, Amber Holley
Row 2: Jocelyn Serna, Rebecca Schnoor, Alyssa Skertich, Melissa Chiaro, Celeste Villarruel, Alexander Kepchar, Sylvie Dowd, Katie James, Kristi Grumbles, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Alex Leon
Row 3: Corynn Kealey, Kevin Robinson, Corey Johnson, Josh Zoran, Zach Diamond, Scott Nolan, Trevor Sheffield, Maurice Branch, Austin Roberts, Dara Meece, Nathan Szabo
Row 4: Evan Queen, Emily Matson, Delaina Schrock, Nina Mendoza, Samantha Rettie, Diane Torres, Katie Holt, Madison Watts, Tatyana Cima De Villa, Christian Holley
Row 5: Taporina Brown, Emily Pawlicki, Elana Jones, William Robinson, Kayla Schramm, Ly-Lyse McGee, Jocelyn Lugen, Sam McNeiley, Shelby Winchester, Lauren Kovacic, Leslie Leon, Courtney Smith, Gabby Hamm
Row 6: Jenny Gong, Antonia Williams, Christine Morikis, Amanda Stelk, Karol Ames, Daniel Walker, Michael Hedrick, Tim Cichon, Natalie Halley, Marcus Johnson, Banesa Jaimez-Garcia, Dana Jelenski, Becky Gong, Antonia Walker
Row 7: Shamyra Fitzpatrick, Collin Meadows, Laura Slayton, Louie Dybel, Collin Pascoe, Patrick Moseley, Alec Fowler, Anthony Slawikowski, Adrian Jimenez, Bo Sanders, Hollie Witvoet, Zack Keil, Tajhane Redding, Emily Gonzales

Film Club



Row 1: Marissa Perez, Diane Torres, Blair Morton, Evan Queen, Shawn Falstrom
Row 2: Trevor Sheffield, Maurice Branch, Jonathan Adams, Kiki Dunn, Adrian Jimenez, Corynn Kealey, Kristin Anderson

Understanding Publications



Alana Swopes, 12

"I design pages for *The Edge* magazine, so people can place images in and write stories. I proofread the magazine, and distribute them. I make sure everything gets done. The staff produces an issue each quarter. I love working on *The Edge*."

"I'm a photographer for the *Reflector*. It's my first year on the staff, and I really enjoy it. I love taking pictures and being involved in school functions, so getting to capture precious school-related moments is perfect for me. The yearbook is so important because it holds memories for everyone to cherish forever."



Jazmin Lopez, 11

"I'm the co-editor with Adrian Jimenez [12] for the entertainment page of the *Panther Press*. I love to write, and working on the paper gives me an excuse to do it everyday. It's awesome to see something you've worked on in the hands of every student in your school."



Alyssa Skertich, 10

Edge



Row 1: Alana Swopes

Row 2: Leandra Wimmer, Victoria Holtzer, Camryn Linders, Savannah Gutierrez

Row 3: Riley Hendron, Cassandra Metz, Mariah Fowler

Yearbook



Row 1: Lauren Rotermund, Kersten Collins

Row 2: Savannah Gutierrez, Katie Holt, Renee Mierzwa, Mariah Fowler, Lauren Vieyra, Daniella Ayala, Camryn Linders, Leandra Wimmer

Row 3: Victoria Holtzer, Leanna Early, Natalie Halley, Hollie Witvoet, Alana Swopes, Jazmin Lopez, Lilyana Salazar

Newspaper



Row 1: Lauren Maynard, Kevin Wilson

Row 2: Tiffany Novak, Riley Hendron, Jillian Beaupain, Angelica Nava, Teliya Loudember, Karol Ames

Row 3: Alyssa Skertich, Tommy Biancardi, Trevor Sheffield, Talia Roldan, Adrian Jimenez, Taylor Kazmer, Samantha Hom

Band



Row 1: Maddie Cruz, Maxine Carroll, Samantha Rettie, Dejavue Ward-Hickman, Rebecca Schnoor, Precious Anderson, Liana Bounells, Katie Holt, Charles Murphy
Row 2: Gabrielle Quintana, Kayla LaBuda, Exavier Zeiler, Josh Cavazos, Ashley Ramirez, Andrew Shelton, Alyssa Skertich, Ly-Lyse McGee, Julia Carrillo, Jocelyn Serna
Row 3: Debbie Korak, Celeste Villarruel, Emily Gonzales, Kayla Piper, Jamie Thomas, Corynn Kealey, Dara Meece, Heather Steele, Ashleigh Rettie, Sarah Cavazos
Row 4: Luke Haney, Antonia Williams, Nick Johnson, Dan Welch, Scott Nolan, Jesse Gates, Sam Snell, Christopher Muth, Hugh Rodgers

I joined because...



"I joined band because I enjoy playing music, especially on the saxophone. It opened up many opportunities for me to play with talented people. I also hope to study music in college."

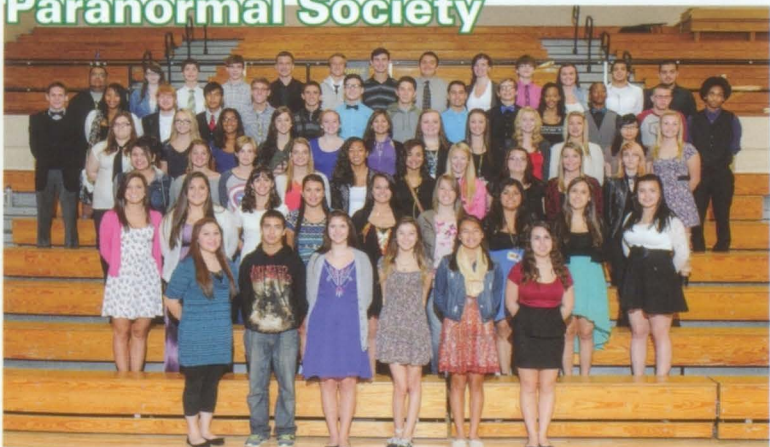
Scott Nolan, 11



"I heard about Paranormal Society and I immediately wanted to join because I've always been into the paranormal. I'm a fan of ghost investigation shows and I wanted to do it, too."

Zach Diamond, 12

Paranormal Society



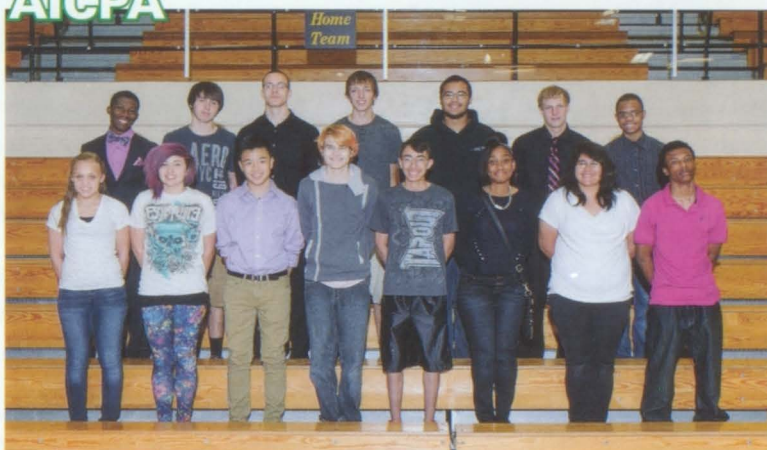
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Row 6: Gilberto Rangel, Laura Slayton, Tommy Biancardi, Nathan Vuckovich, Josh Zoran, Aaron Brown, Zach Diamond, Collin Pascoe, Kiki Dunn, Adrian Jimenez, Taylor Kazmer, Anwar Issa, Joshua Crespo

Flag Corps



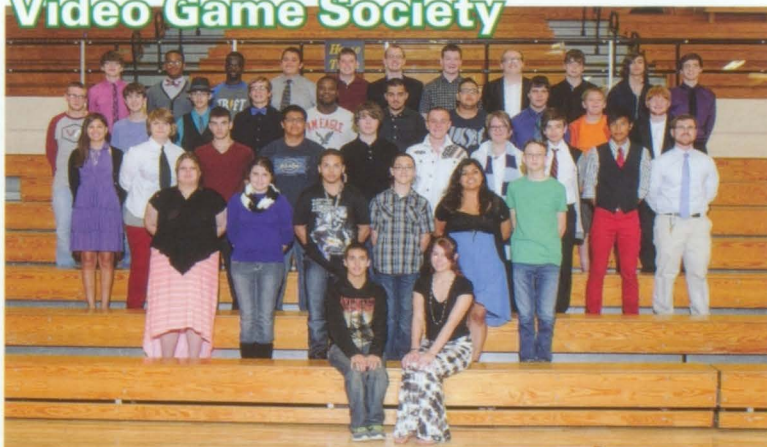
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AICPA



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Row 2: Daniel Walker, Charlie Flores, Nathaniel Coglianese, Hunter Conaghan, Raymond Hernandez, Trevor Losiniecki, Eric Taylor

Video Game Society



Row 1: Evan Queen, Amanda Stelk
Row 2: Delaina Schrock, Megan Wilson, Giovante Johnson, Tyler Josephson, Jocelyn Serna, Joey Shapiro
Row 3: Cara Smith, Kayla Schramm, Adam Moritz, Emmanuel Aguirre, Cody Jasaitis, Collin Meadows, Cassandra Metz, Jeremy Paganelli, Daniel Perez, Raymond Davis
Row 4: Leif Gulbransen, Stephen Kunka, Nick Dieguez, Connor Pascoe, Elijah Pierce, Joshua Crespo, Julian Molina, Jon Lanfear, Matthew Thomas, Jamie Thomas
Row 5: Adrian Jimenez, Maurice Branch, Bobby Parker, Collin Pascoe, Kyle McCarter, Jon Adams, Taylor Reynolds, Trevor Sheffield, Patrick Moseley, Daniel Almaraz, Austin Brown



For the spring show, sophomores Sylvie Dowd, Natalie Halley, and Alyssa Skertich stand side by side with junior Diane Torres and senior Kaitlynn Mang. "Everyone in drama is basically like a huge family and no matter what happens, they always have my back," said Skertich.

As sophomore Kayla Schramm plays her role, she gets over her nerves of performing. "Right before I went on stage, I got super nervous and started jumping around in a circle and once I got on stage it stopped, but once I got off stage I started shaking again," said Schramm.



Drama for Life

Drama is a very unique club that is full of a diverse group of kids that attend Griffith High School. For this school year, the drama students met many times for rehearsal and planning in order to put together two shows that were entertaining and hilarious.

In the fall, the drama department put on Drama Night, which consisted of plays such as *Ha Ha House*, *Haunted Hamlet*, and *10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse*. All three plays that were performed that night were student directed and casted.

"I picked the perfect cast and I thought that the show was such a success. I wouldn't have changed anything about it, the whole thing was amazing," said senior Kiki Dunn, co-director of *Haunted Hamlet*.

Starting in January, the drama kids began rehearsing for their spring musical: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Jam-packed with comedy, the musical portrayed the events that unfolded in the course of a slave, played by junior Josh Zoran, trying to get his freedom from his owners. The show was a success, and many people came to see the story that was full of laughs, love, and a big plot twist.



"I felt really anxious going on stage because I thought I was going to mess up or forget my lines. I was nervous backstage, but that changed when the spotlight hit me," said sophomore LyLyse McGee as she performs with junior Diane Torres, senior Adrian Jimenez, and sophomore Corynn Kealey.

Playing the role of a slave in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, junior Josh Zoran laughs with sophomore Trevor Sheffield. "Being in drama this year was amazing and I can't wait for next year," said Zoran.



Drama

Josh Zoran, 11 & Terra Martin, 12



Amanda Stelk, 12



Amber Holley & Jon Adams, 12



Performing in the final play of his high school career, senior Alexander Kepchar enjoys his last year of drama. "This casting line has made this year one of my favorite years. Being apart of something so big was amazing and it was worth every second," said Kepchar.

On stage, sophomores Corynn Kealey and Dara Meece and junior Elana Jones stay after school to practice their lines. "I was excited because being in drama is a great joy to me and I have always loved acting on stage. Its an awesome experience," said Kealey.



Drama Night vs. Spring Musical



"The seniors in Drama Night got a chance to direct their own plays that were very fun to be apart of, even though I was only in one scene. Plus, the script wasn't very hard to understand. To me, there is a more comedic sense of action to it and more room to fix any little mistakes that were found within all three of the plays. I enjoyed how, when I was apart of the drama show, it was just like we were all one big family and we always stuck up for each other."

Evan Queen, 10



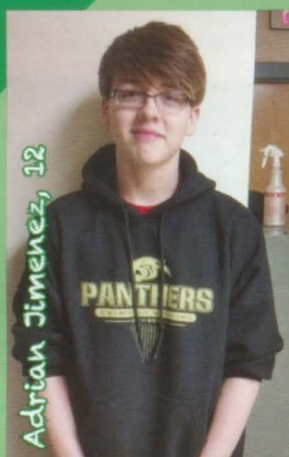
"I like the comedy in all of the sketches that are in the musical and I also love all the new dance numbers that we have to learn in order to be apart of the plays. The music that they chose for us to do in the spring musical was very upbeat and happy it just made my day every time we had to dance. The musical is way better than Drama Night because everyone is more organized and all of us are attempting to put all of our effort into this to make it the best yet."

Sylvie Dowd, 10

Performing their Christmas choir concert on December 18th, about one hundred students sang songs such as "Carol of the Bells," "Ava Maria," and "Silent Night." "The students put forth a lot of hard work into this and it showed when they performed," said chorale teacher Kristin Anderson.



Pre-performance



Adrian Jimenez, 12

"Before I perform I get really anxious, but as a group we get together and do free-style rapping or sing goofy songs to help shake the nerves and get ready to perform."

"I tend to get really nervous before we go on stage, so we all give each other pep talks and encourage one another to have positive thoughts in our heads before we go out on stage."

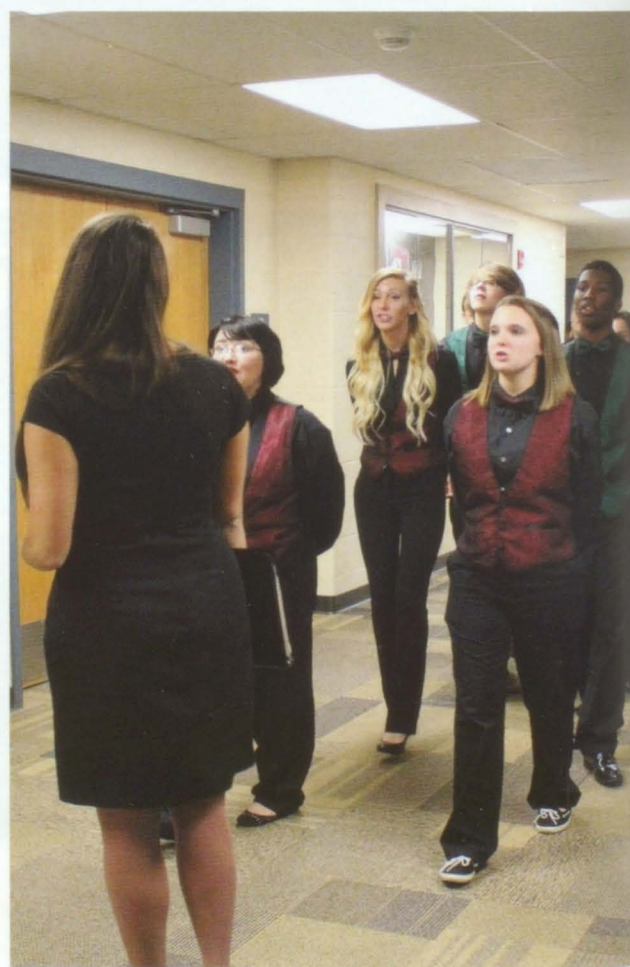


Sylvie Dowd, 10



Jeremy Paganelli, 9

"I'm nervous at first but then I constantly remind myself that once it's over I can feel accomplished. It also helps having other classmates pump each other up."



Choir

Josh Miller, 10



Janna Darnell-Mendez, 12



Elijah Pierce, 12



While performing at the Christmas concert, freshman Haley Gearhart takes a deep breath and switches to the next song. "Being in choir was something I was looking forward to coming into high school, so performing on stage was exciting," said Gearhart.

Sing your heart out

At the end of each year, around the months of April and May, Choral teacher Kristin Anderson holds auditions to accept new students into her choir classes. To get accepted into the class, students must choose a song and prepare to sing in front of Ms. Anderson. "I chose 'Misguided Ghosts' by Paramore," said junior Leandra Wimmer. "I chose it because the notes were in my singing range and it made me more comfortable to sing in front of her," said Wimmer.

Throughout the year, the students spent multiple hours reviewing their music and preparing for their three concerts in the Fall, Spring, and Winter. Throughout that time period, the choir students also got to do other activities such as caroling through the elementary school halls and then through the middle school and high school. Choral went to Bridges to perform a few pieces for the Rottery. Bridges provided them with food and gave them a check for the choir department.

The choral also went to ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) and competed against other schools in Indiana. ISSMA is for solos and duos.

In March, choral held a game show as a fundraiser to help raise money for the music department.

On December 19th, the GHS choral walked the halls and each class was welcomed to watch as they passed. "When I was young, watching the choral sing was my favorite time of the year so being able to sing was an accomplished goal," said senior Kaitlynn Mang.

To transition to the next song, juniors Jamie Thomas, Jacob Adams, and Andrew Bowman focus and get on pitch together. "Our Christmas concert's songs were well picked and I was excited to sing them. It wasn't my first concert so I wasn't nervous," said Adams.



For the thrill of marching

Football season is an exciting time for the Griffith High School marching band. They get to put on their uniforms and stand tall and proud as they perform for the crowd. The year started with the band taking a trip to Purdue Calumet on September 6 for Purdue Band Day. They practiced with the Purdue Marching Band then at half-time they played three songs with them.

Marching band's year was special this year with the band having a few surprising tricks up their sleeves. Their selection of songs included "Thriller" and "Beat It" by Michael Jackson. The surprise came when the band put down their instruments and began to dance as zombies. "I didn't like the idea at first, but when we did it the crowd was excited so I felt a bit better. The only thing I didn't like was when it was raining and the rain would get in my eyes," said senior Kayla LaBuda.

The color guard joined them in dancing while junior Scott Nolan and seniors Becky Schnoor and Nick Johnson played the bass to the song "Thriller." Johnson has also directed the band in some of their songs. "I directed the band last year too, so I pretty much knew what I was doing," said Johnson.

After football season, the band prepared for Pep band and their annual winter concert.



At a Friday night football game, senior Sarah Cavazos and freshman Gabrielle Quintana jam to "Thriller" by Michael Jackson. "I love marching band season because everyone is really close and I get to spend more time with my friends," said Cavazos.



Twirling to the beat of the song, color guard awes the crowd with their skills. "I thought the routines we performed at the games were pretty cool. I loved performing with color guard this year, I'm said that it's my last year on the team," said senior Emily Matson.

As they wait for their cue, senior Becky Schnoor and sophomore Julia Carrillo get ready to begin their first song. Schnoor wears a golden sash, a whistle and carries the marching stick that indicates she will be guiding the band in marching.



Band

Paige Graff, 12



Iy-Lyse McGee, 10



Celeste Villarruel, 12



Pep band performed during half-time at the girl's basketball game. "I love pep band because we get to pick out what songs we get to play and it's awesome. The songs are faster and more lively so it's very different to play from concert music," said sophomore Emily Gonzales.



Pep band is required for all band members and also gives opportunities to middle schoolers to improve their performance before joining high school band. "I like pep band, but I perform color guard because I get more exercise, but I still enjoy playing in pep band," said sophomore Samantha Snell.

Favorite Performed Songs



"I really liked playing 'Dawn of a New Day' because it was such an upbeat song and it flowed really nicely. Most of the songs for pep are upbeat and lively so this was just another one of those songs, but this one was really my favorite."

Sammie Rettie, 9



"My favorite concert song is 'Christmas Fantasia' because it has interesting parts and it sounds really great when we played altogether. I had to run around the stage to play the different percussion parts and the rest of the band would try not to laugh."

Jesse Gates, 12



"'Thriller' was one of my favorite songs we performed this year because when we played it during marching band season, we got to dance to it. I also remember falling one time while we were performing the song and I broke the reed for my saxophone."

Scott Nolan, 11



"The song I loved most from all the ones that we did this year was the song 'Shout.' We played this song for pep band at the girls' and boys' basketball game. I liked certain parts of the song and I really loved the dynamics of the song."

Heather Steele, 10



While volunteering at the annual blood drive, juniors Marissa Perez and Lauren Kovacic throw their legs back and relax until they were allowed to go back to class. "Volunteering was a blast because I was able to get out of most of my classes and play games on my phone," said Perez.

During the Student Council lock in, seniors Anwar Issa and Robbie Hernandez shoot some baskets during their activity time. "This is the first year the administration gave us access to the gym so it was exciting to be able to play games rather than sit in a room," said Hernandez.



Helping Hands



Allison Biancardi, 9

"We plan a lot of the events for the school, and also incorporate into the improvement of our community. We try to create activities the whole school would like. It makes me feel accomplished helping others who need it, especially cancer patients."



Tyana Mendricks, 12

"Being a part of student council takes a lot of time, but it makes me feel like I am participating more to improve our school community. I enjoy planning the activities that the school holds, because I get to be creative with all of my ideas."



Ben Jacobs, 9

"In student council, we take a lot of time to plan different events and activities to help make our school and community better, such as penny wars. I enjoy giving a helping hand because it's important to improve the community we live in."



Student Council

Bridget Beck, 10



Merry Galindo, 9



Tommy Biancardi, 11



What is student council?

In the beginning of the school year, student council's sponsor, Jenna Berzy, gathered the students together and began planning the Homecoming dance in October. They started by choosing a theme and a song for the dance. The students went in early the morning of the dance to set up and stayed after to clean it all up. Throughout the year, they did other activities such as the blood drive, food drive, and the penny wars. The penny war raised money for cancer patients. Each class got a bucket and had to get as many pennies as possible, but students from other classes could put silver coins, such as quarters or dimes, and it takes away the points of the pennies.

Other activities that student council was in charge of included smooches and breast cancer pins. Students took time out of their own schedules to participate in these extra activities to help improve the school. One exciting events that student council planned included the annual lock in. Every year Berzy and middle school history teacher, Jeff Kawa, stay the night in the school with the students and plan different activities such as capture the flag and mattress surfing. "This was my third year in student council and I enjoyed being apart of a group that helped-improve the school," said junior Rachel Adams.

At the end of the night during the Student Council lock in, senior Aaron Brown decided to shave his head for St. Baldrick's which is to help raise money for kids with cancer. "I started growing my hair out when school started, so it was weird to see all of my hair on the floor," said Brown.

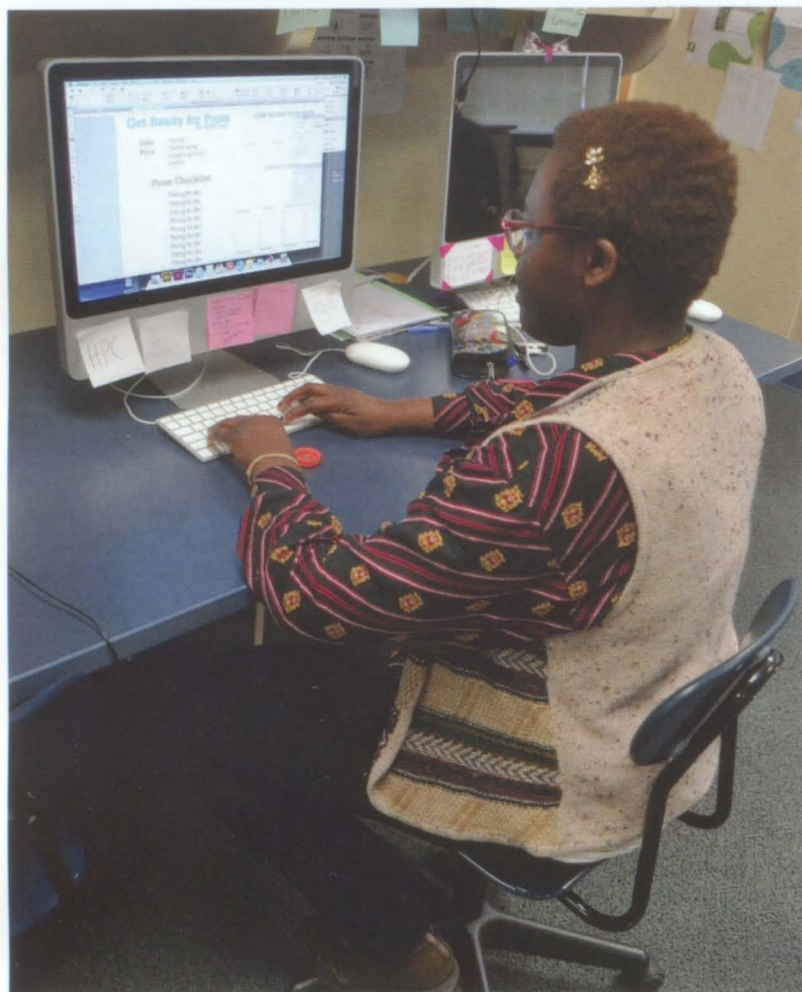
On the day of the Homecoming dance, students came in early that morning to help set up all of the decorations and balloons. Freshman Laura Reid helps put up the checkerboard background. "I didn't enjoy waking up early, but it was great decorating with my friends," said Reid.

At their first meeting, the sponsor of student council, Jenna Berzy, talks to the students about different themes to choose for homecoming. "For my first year on student council I was so excited to help plan homecoming and we ended up choosing a 50's theme," said sophomore Abbey Dobosz.



Since she agreed to be the editor for *The Edge*, senior Alana Swopes is required to spend extra time correcting her staffers' pages before the semester is over and its time to send out the magazine. "Editing is very frustrating for me. Especially when they don't complete their pages," said Swopes.

Ending their first semester with a Christmas party, the publications department students participate in Secret Santa and have a potluck luncheon the day before Christmas break. "The Secret Santa is the best part. We all get pretty excited about it," said sophomore Lilyana Salazar.



Yearbook vs. Newspaper



"Being a yearbook editor is difficult, but I think it's worth it. I've been on staff for three and a half years, and I've loved every minute of it. I design spreads, I monitor the class and check everything at least twice, all the while helping out the newer staffers. It can be stressful when proofs come in, but I'm really satisfied with how this year turned out, especially since the staffers change every year. I'm really going to miss being on yearbook."

Lauren Rotermund, 12



"Learning the design program is difficult at first, but after a while I started to get into the swing of things on the yearbook staff. We have to get a lot of quotes and talk to a lot of people I never would've before, but that wasn't a problem for me because I'm not shy. It can be stressful at times but at the end of the day it's all worth it. I plan to stay on staff until senior year and hope to one day be an editor."

Leanna Early, 10



"I was very excited that I was selected to be on the *Panther Press* (newspaper) staff this year. My favorite stories to write for each issue are the movie reviews because I want to be a movie critic when I'm older, and I think that it'll really help me out in the long run because I'll have both writing and experience on a staff that deals with publications like this. I also really like how much freedom I have when I write."

Trevor Sheffield, 10



"To me, being an editor is a huge honor. It shows how hard I've worked and how much I care for the staff. It's a great feeling, like making a team you had to try out for. It's stressful, but completely worth all the work when the paper comes out. It takes dedication and patience to be in the editor position and I know some people don't think it's a big deal, but it really is such an inspiring job and great time."

Lauren Maynard, 12

Publications

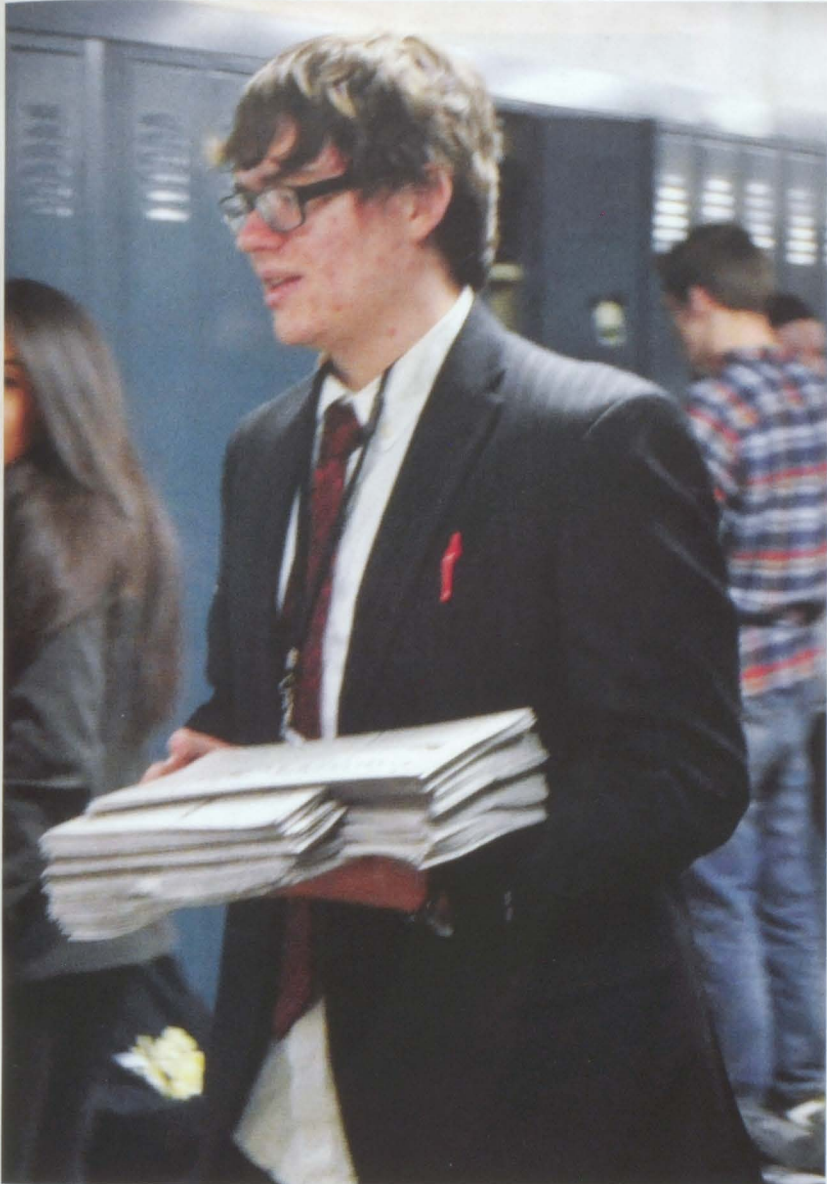
Jennie Stas, 9



Renee Mierzwa, 10



Jazmin Lopez, 11



At the end of every major deadline, the newspaper staff happily passes out the paper that they spent weeks working on. "I love being able to pass out the finished product, because all of my hard work is going around for the whole school to read," said senior Kevin Wilson.

Helping out one of the middle schoolers with how to design a yearbook spread, senior Savannah Gutierrez, gives out pointers and explains the basics. "I've been on staff for about three years, so it's always really simple to help out the newer reporters," said Gutierrez.

Changes for the publications

Last year, the *Reflector* (yearbook) staff and the *Panther Press* (newspaper) staff shared a class period. This year, yearbook and newspaper have separate class periods. What makes this year different however is the fact that the newly formed middle school yearbook staff is in the class with the high schoolers. "It's a lot different than I thought it was going to be, sharing a class with my little brother Jake (Collins, 8), but I really wanted to have a class with him before I graduated. And yearbook is one of my favorite classes," said junior Kersten Collins.

Another thing that sets this year apart from the last is staff members seniors Savannah Gutierrez and Adrian Jimenez, on video announcements. "I enjoy doing the video announcements with Adrian. I had a chance to get to know him better. We always try different ways to make it creative. I enjoy working with other people when we have them because it gets boring to work with the same people every week," said Gutierrez. They also did a First Amendment project where students researched on the first five freedoms of the First Amendment and produced a video for advocacy. They did it to learn more about the first amendment and to get a chance to win a scholarship.



On Friday, September 26th, the yearbook staff went on a field trip to IUPUI for a Herff Jones workshop. "I had an awesome time because it was a good experience and I learned a lot about yearbook etiquette," said junior Victoria Holtzer.

Academic Clubs

Blair Morton, 12



Academic Super Bowl

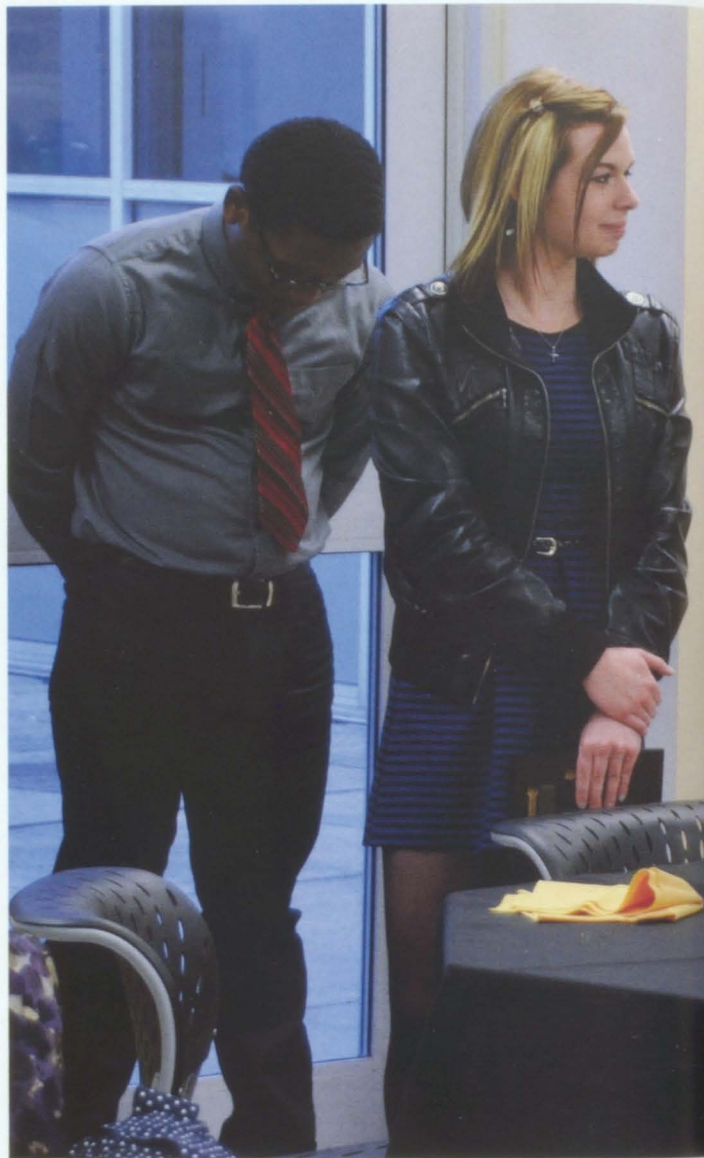


Katie James, 12



Sitting at the tournament table during the Academic Super Bowl competition on April 21st at Merrillville High School, sophomore Bridget Beck prepares to assist her science team of three. "Being a part of the competition was very exciting, but nerve racking at the same time," said Beck.

On February 6th, Student Council hosted the spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria. Freshman Shawn Falstrom was one of the many workers at the dinner. "I worked the dinner to volunteer my time to help out, and I wanted to be happy about what I was doing," said Falstrom.



At the NHS Top Ten Dinner awards night on April 15th, Sheila Vaclavik, National Honors Society sponsor, talks about senior Caroline Rutherford's achievements throughout her senior year at GHS. The annual ceremony took place in the teacher's cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Practice makes perfect when everything is at stake. The academic super bowl team gathers as a group to review before the real match at the Academic Super Bowl Competition. "The competition was exciting and I loved every second," said freshman Hannah Ramirez.



During a DECA awards meeting, senior Elijah Pierce was awarded a ribbon for making it to state. "I felt real happy that I made it all the way to state, and I never thought I would ever make it past districts. It felt like one challenge was down," said Pierce.



NHS Requirements



Janna Darnell-Mendez, 12

"To be able to make it into National Honor Society, you have to have amazing grades like A's and B's. They will send you an invite if your grade point average is high enough for you to make it into the group. Make sure you turn in all of your homework too."

"National Honor Society is a fun activity, but it isn't just a walk in the park. You have to maintain high grades, and you have to be active in your community as well as in your school. You have to be willing to be a leader with everyone you meet."



Kevin Wilson, 12



Melissa Chiaro, 12

"You have to be in a certain amount of extra curricular activities, and when it comes to it, you have to answer a questionnaire about what you have done. After the questionnaire, the sponsor tallies the points to see if you have enough points to join."



Creative Clubs

Anthony Murphy, 11 Elizabeth Monks, 12



Arlyne Corona and Stephanie Lockhart, 11



Chelsea Gonzales, 12



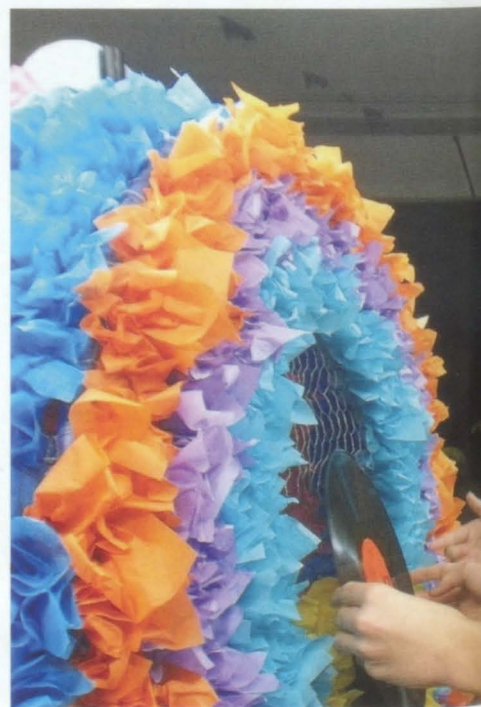
During the homecoming parade, the art club has a chance to show off their art work. "The homecoming parade has to be one of my favorite activities in art club. It gives us a chance to show everyone what we're made of," said junior Taylor Reynolds.

The junior class council gets together on a weekend to start building their homecoming float for the parade. "We tried really hard to have a winning streak this year, and despite our loss I think that our class put a lot of effort and time on our float," said junior Arlyne Corona.

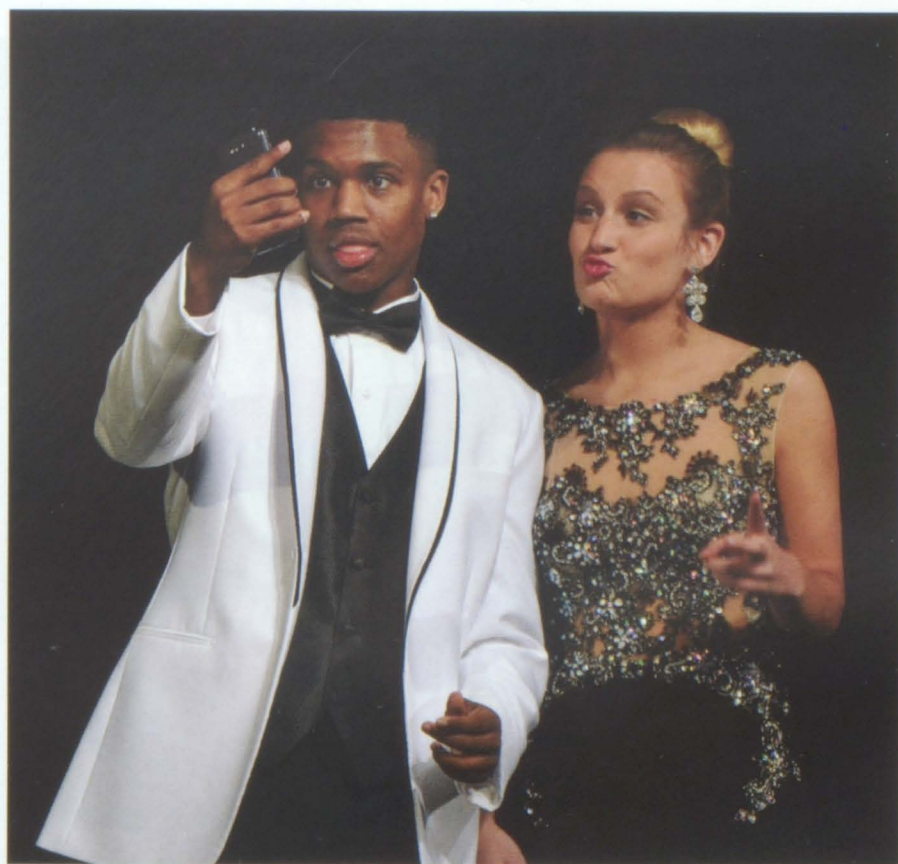


Junior Jamie Thomas and senior Jocelyn Serna finish designing the banner that is used for the homecoming parade for Art Club. "Homecoming is an exciting time for us, mostly because we can show off our creativity and skill during the parade," said Serna.

Juniors Lauren Kovacic and Tommy Biancardi finish up their homecoming float. "Since the theme for homecoming was 50's, we decided to make a jukebox. Everything turned out better than we expected and ran smoothly, I'm proud of our float," said Kovacic.



For the last two years, booster club holds a prom fashion show in February, showing off dresses from the dress shop Elegance. "Having the fashion show is a smart idea, because we give our audience an example what dresses to get for the upcoming dance," said senior Emilie Martoccio.



We're Known For...



"Art club is known for its paintings around the school. We painted the wall in Ms. Rivera's classroom and we are planning to paint a mural in the lunchroom for the upcoming year. It's exciting to be able to contribute to the school and be able to do something we enjoy while helping out making our school a fun place to be at."

Kayla LaBuda, 12

"Each class is known for creating floats for the homecoming parade and for planning dances. The sophomore class plans turn-about, the junior class plans prom, and the senior class plans graduation. I think that it's great to have students' opinions on our school events to make them more lively because it brings us together more."

Alexander Kepchar, 12



"Booster club is known for promoting school spirit around our school! We decorate the Wiggs entrance for homecoming and we also decorate lockers for players that participate in sports. I enjoy being able to "boost" our school's spirit and make our school a more lively and exciting place to be in each day."

Dominique Hamm, 11

Highlights of the Year



Banesa Jaimez-Garcia, 12

International Club

"I really enjoy being able to go to all of the foreign restaurants. I've been to a few of the meetings and they're all just talking about food. That's kind of why it's one of my favorite clubs. I'm so glad I joined."



Nathan Coglianese, 11

AICPA

"AICPA is a really great program for someone interested in being successful in accounting. The activities that we did throughout the year give you a boost for the future if you plan on having a job in accounting."



Stephen Kunka, 9

Video Game Society

"I joined this club because I saw it as an opportunity to spend time with my friends. At our meetings, we mainly played video games and sometimes we even had time to do homework."

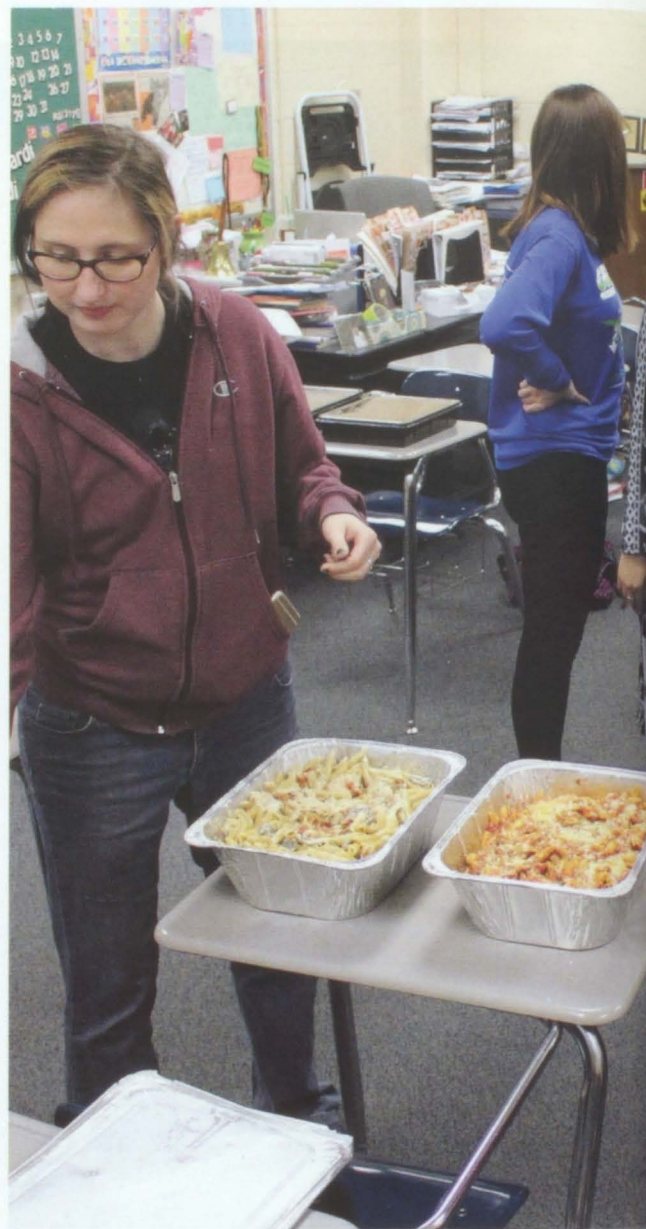


Taylor Kazmer, 11

FCCLA

"This was my second year in FCCLA. This year, we sold paper pumpkins for the March of Dimes, donated mittens for a women's shelter, volunteered at the Humane Society, and visited a nursing home."

At the International Club's eat in, the group members and sponsor Jenna Candiano enjoy pasta from Amici's. "Amici's was my favorite eat in. We had to use red cups to serve ourselves since we didn't have utensils and we didn't have anything to drink. It was still a great time," said sophomore Natalie Halley.



With her fellow paranormal society members, junior Alissa Sims helps aid in the investigation of the courthouse in Crown Point. "For each of the places that we go, we are assigned different jobs and they're never the same. Going on trips is definitely scary, but it's also really exciting," said Sims.

At the video game society's after school meeting, freshmen Jeremy Paganelli, Megan Wilson, and Tyler Josephson work together on the computer. "I like this club because I really enjoy playing the older games. My favorite part about this club is being able to talk to my friends," said Paganelli.

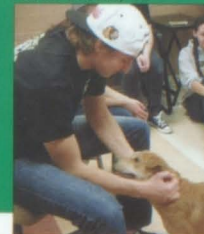


Out of the Box Clubs

International Club



Aaron Brown, 12



Video Game Society



Volunteering at the humane society during the FCCLA field trip, sophomore Sylvie Dowd captures the memories by taking pictures of the animals. "No matter who we are helping, our effort is always greatly appreciated. It gives me a great feeling knowing I've made other's lives easier," said Dowd.

Being an Officer



President

"Being president is an honor and a dream. International club is so important to me and I'm overjoyed to be able to incorporate fun activities into learning about new cultures. I am delighted to have this authority because I can guarantee that everyone's opinions will be heard."

Kiki Dunn, 12



Secretary

"I like that I'm one of the officers for FCCLA because there's a lot of advantages when it comes to field trips. I'm able to make decisions on the trips that the group will take and I also help with coming up with fundraising ideas. Being able to help the community is the best part."

Lauren Kovacic, 11



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OUR funding

Griffith Girls Softball team works in the concession stands at a basketball game to raise money for their season. "Working concessions isn't that hard of a fundraiser. It also goes by fast when you're with your teammates. We only worked for about two hours, but we made money that can go towards equipment," said junior Morgan Taylor.

Advertising played a very important role in the halls of GHS. Throughout the halls, there were posters and banners advertising for school spirit or different fundraisers. Almost every student at Griffith High needed to fundraise at least once this year, whether it was for a club or for a sports team. "Every year we sell Fan Shirts, because it's one of our most popular fundraisers. The profit we make off the shirts goes to our fund for the senior banquet," said junior Marissa Perez. Most clubs at Griffith relied on fundraising to support their funds for the entire school year to get new equipment or other items they might have needed. International Club sold poinsettias for their individual funds to pay for their meals as they go to restaurants to eat throughout the year. The publication staff had to sell ads in order to pay their fees for the printer. Every student on both staffs were required to sell one ad per semester for a grade in the class. "Selling an ad is not an easy thing to do, especially if you get rejected multiple times. We have to sell one somehow because our ads pay for printing the newspaper," said senior Lauren Maynard. No matter the club or sport, money played a big role in the success of the organizations.

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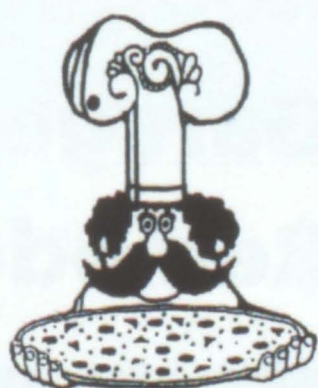
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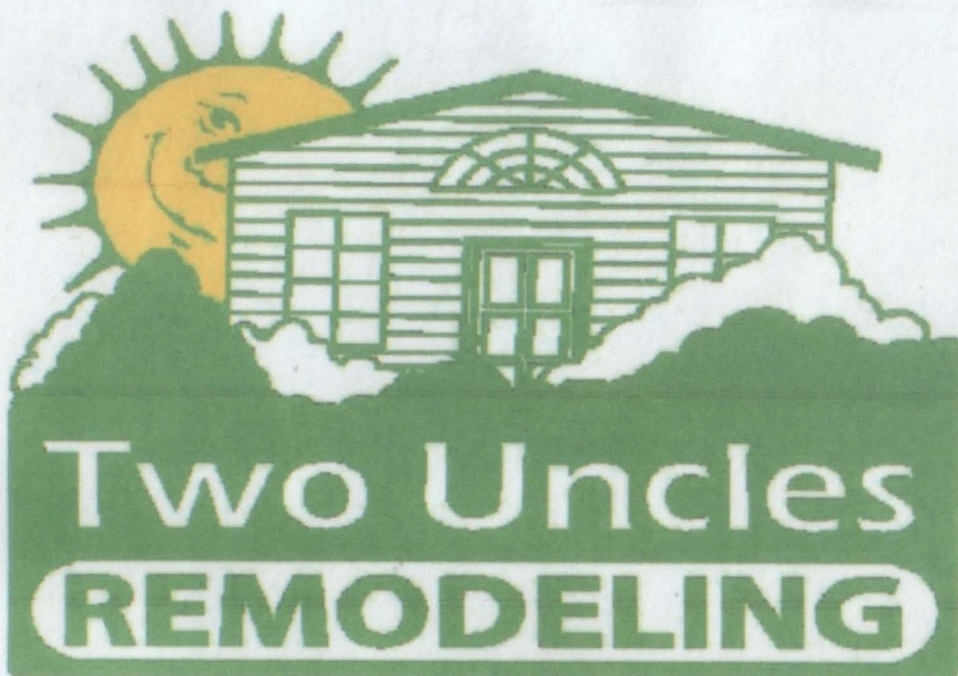
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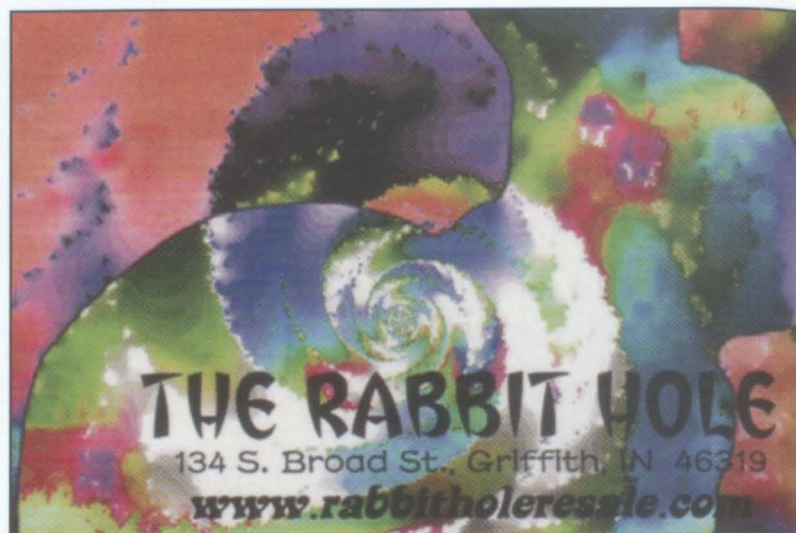


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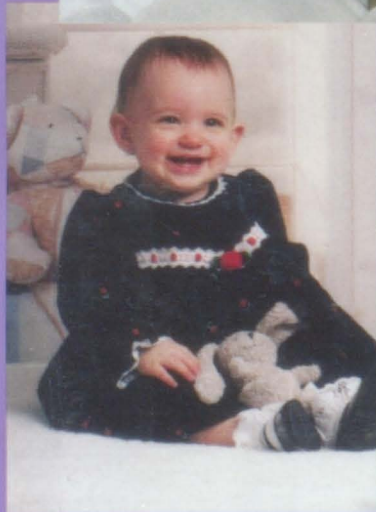
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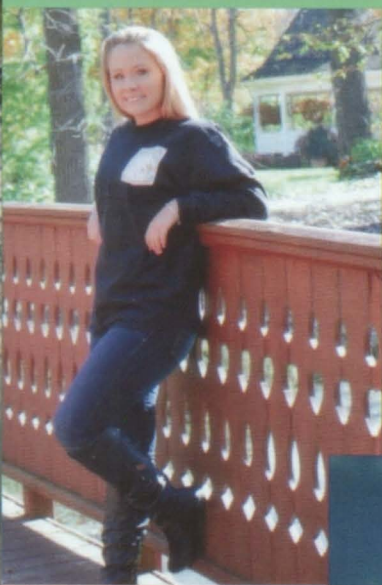
Dad, Mom, & Joey XOXO

Sarah Dodson

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Marissa Lopez

Congratulations Marissa,
You're excited we know! We can't wait
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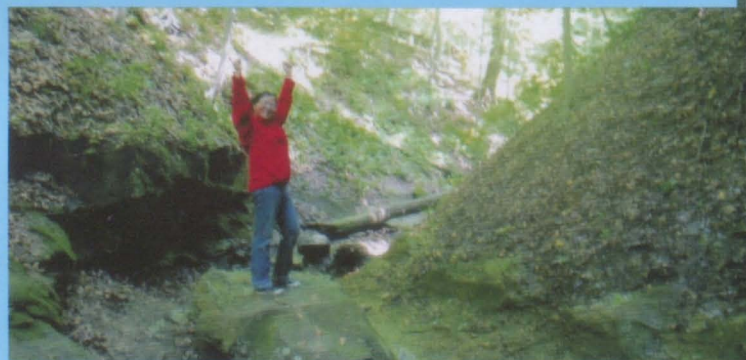


Melissa Chiaro

Melissa,

The greatest gift and honor is having you
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yond. We love you like crazy cakes!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Anwar Issa

Anwar,

Congratulations! I can't believe it's already 2015 and you're graduating. I still remember the day you were born, so tiny and precious. You've grown into an amazing son, a great friend, and an awesome brother. We are all so proud of you, in everything you've done. You've shown dedication and persistence in wrestling and in your academics. We couldn't be more proud of you, never give up as you head out to college. Reach for the stars, and the world is yours. We love you and support you in everything you'll do.

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Becca Carpenter

Becca,

It is hard to believe that our "Becca Boo" is graduating! It seems like just yesterday when we held you in our arms for the first time! You were an answer to our prayers then and have continued to be a blessing ever since. We could not be more proud of who you are and what you have achieved. As our hearts ache to see how fast time is flying, we are also excited to watch you achieve all of your dreams and goals! We love you so much! No matter how old you are, to us, you will always be our baby girl!

Love forever,
Dad & Mom



Celeste Villarruel

As you enjoyed life while you were growing up you also took the time to experience the things that you encountered whether bad or good. With all that said, whatever you do in life never have regrets in what you have done. It's all part of life whether good or bad.



Congrats Class of 2015

Ryan Nunez

Ryan,
We are so proud of you. You have accomplished so much in your past 18 years. Your vibrant personality, thinking and caring for others and your love for life is endless. I remember your first day of school. You were so excited to start school and had the biggest smile on your face holding your first backpack. No wonder you're still called "Smiley." Your experience with baseball will be a part of you forever. Always look at life as a new adventure. Follow your dreams - Follow your heart. We wish you the best of everything in your new adventures to come. We will always be there for you, support your decisions and love you forever.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Casey

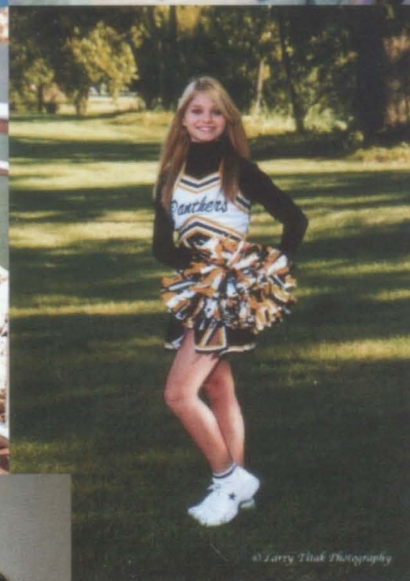
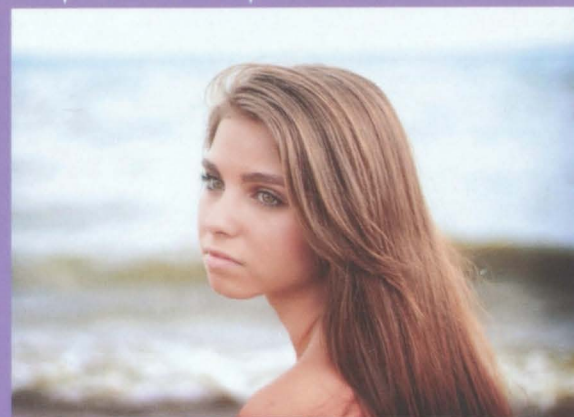


Savannah Gutierrez

Savannah,
Congratulations on completing the journey!
We know your loving and compassionate
traits will be used by God to touch many
peoples lives. We are so proud of you and
love you very much!

Love

Dad, Mom, Sierra, Bubby, Alicea, & Olivia



Kaitlynn Mang

Kaitlynn,

It seems like it was just yesterday that we brought you home from the hospital and now you're all grown up. It has been such an enjoyable journey watching you working hard and accomplishing so many things to reach your goals in life. We are very proud of you and looking forward watching you continue that journey as you take your next step in life attending college at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. GO HOOSIERS!

We will always be here for you and will miss you when you're away at school.

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Harvey, Cosmo, Juliet



Savannah Sammons

You made it! Your last year... We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the amazing, strong young lady you have become. Keep that fire and sparkle going and never forget... "Keep calm and Sparkle On." We love you more than you know.

Love,

Mom and Dad



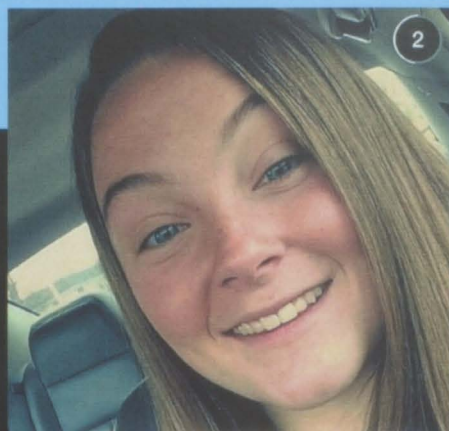
Lauren Maynard

Lauren Blake "L.B."

Words cannot express how proud we are of you! You have grown into such a smart, beautiful, funny and caring young lady. We wish you all the best for your future in college, softball, and life. Go get 'em kiddo.

We love you so much Sissy Pooh!!

Mom, Dad, & Johnny



Sarah Balboa

Promise that you'll always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think!!

We wish you adventure, happiness, and success on your journey. We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Shawn, Shawn Jr., & Bryce



Becky Gong

Eighteen years ago you were just a baby, you have learned more and more each and everyday. After many year of going to high school, it is time to advance your education the college way.

Congratulations on your graduation, and best wishes for the college years.

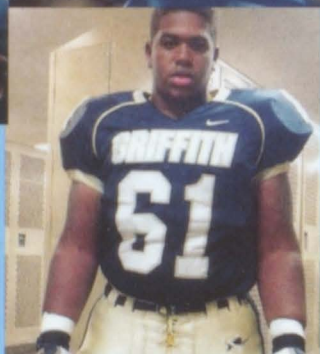
We will all love and support you,
From Jenny, Kenny, Mom, and Dad



Jibreel Rivers

Set backs are set ups for things greater to come. Always strive for excellence and never stop believing in yourself. Your family is very proud of you and we know you are destined for greater. Congrats my dear son. You made it!!

Love your family



Aaron Brown

We are proud of what an awesome and kind young man you have become. We know you will achieve greater things.

"Hoosier by birth, Boilermaker by the grace of God" Boiler UP!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Austin, Caroline & Molly



Elizabeth Morikis

AND
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LIVES
HAPPILY
EVER
AFTER...

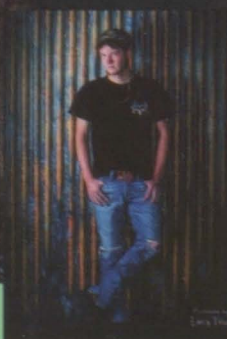
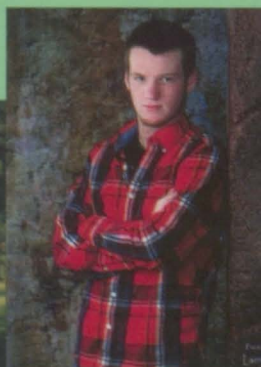


Ty White

Ty Maxwell White,

We are so proud of you. It's amazing how fast you have grown up. Don't become something you are not; stay true to yourself. We wish you all of the best in whatever endeavors you choose to pursue.

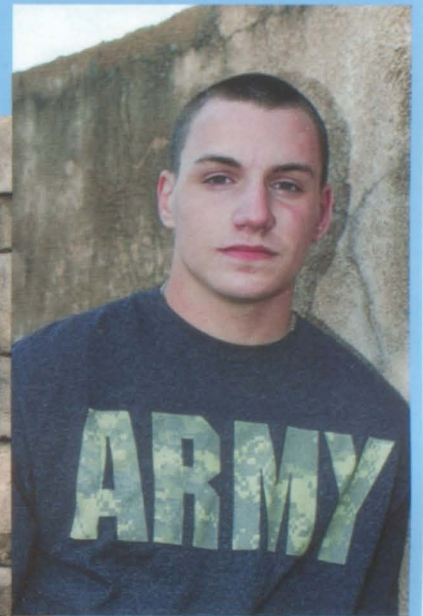
Love Mom and Dad



Adrian Williams

Remember how far you've come, not just how far you have to go. You are not where you want to be but neither are you where you used to be.

Love Mom and Dad



Jocelyn Serua

We all want you to know how proud we are of the young lady you've become and how excited we are to see what more you're yet to accomplish. Congrats on your Graduation and Best Wishes in the Future! Te queremos mucho hija!

Love Mommy, Papi, & Family



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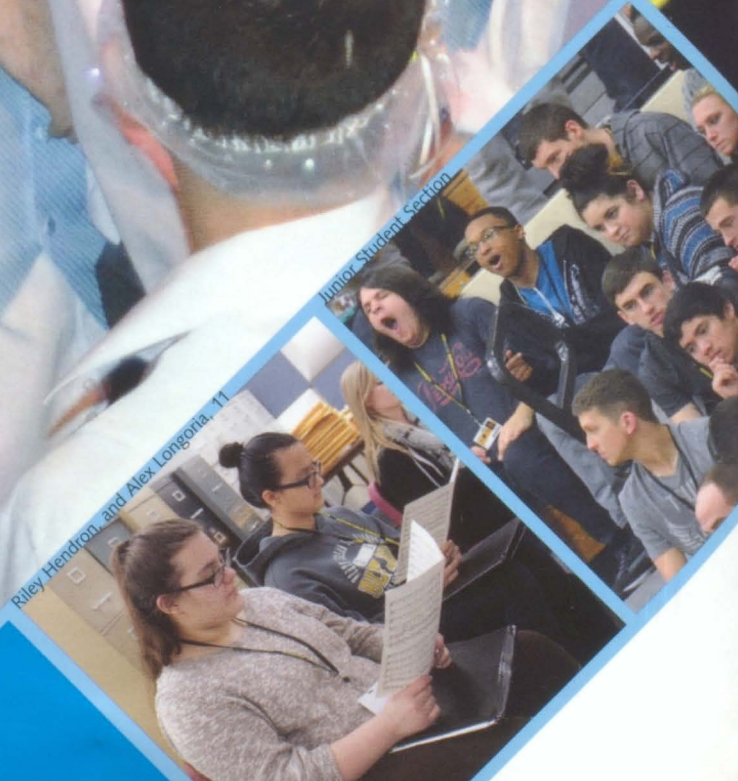


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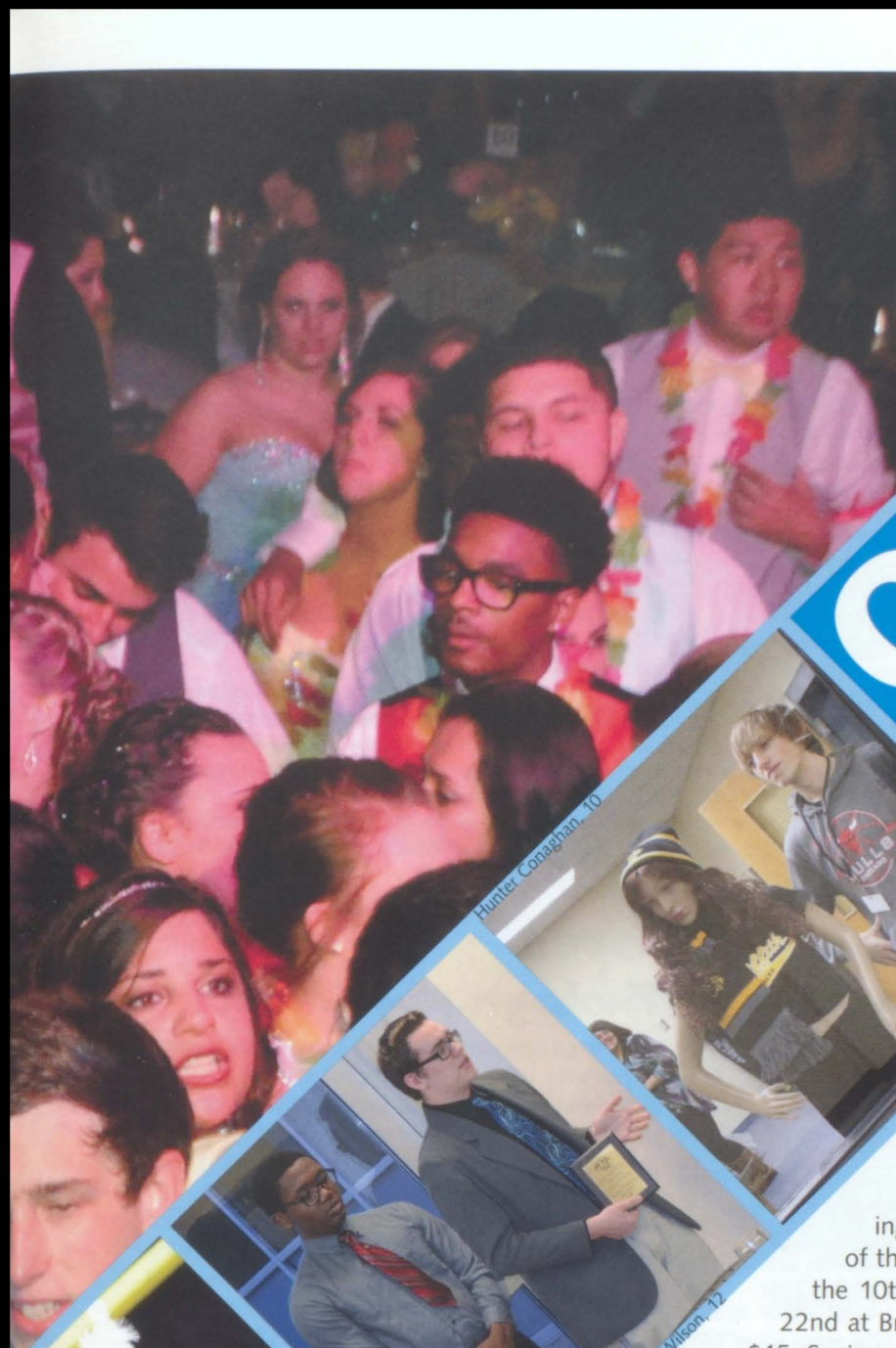
After the week long break that marks the end of the third quarter, students and staff returned to the halls of Griffith High School for one final nine week period. For many students, this was the last nine weeks before the long awaited summer vacation, but for the seniors, this was the last nine weeks that they would ever spend roaming the high school halls. Students waited for the junior prom, and the promposals that came with it. Seniors suffered from senioritis if they hadn't already felt the effects of it prior to their last year. AP classes took the most dreaded test of the year, while finals hit the student body as they got distracted by the cheery, summer weather. Making up the days missed because of the cold weather in January, some of the holidays had been taken away, and the school year extended to the 10th of June instead of the 8th. Seniors had their banquet on April 22nd at Bridges Scoreboard with unlimited pizza and wings for the price of \$15. Seniors chose to take the following day off to spend time with friends for the annual senior ditch day. Prom's theme was "Escape to Paradise" as the juniors got their first taste at being upperclassmen. As the spring sports started and the winter seasons ended, students got ready for the long awaited summer vacation. From Monday, April 22nd to Wednesday, May 27th, the school adopted a schedule that shocked both students and staff alike. Mondays were normal, while the rest of the week went through a flip-flop pattern with some classes lasting 70 minutes, while others were 26. As soon as class got out for the last time, the junior population started referring to themselves as "seniors", the sophomores were no longer underclassmen, and the eighth grade class became freshmen as the graduating class of 2015 got ready for college and the real world that awaited them outside of the walls of Griffith High School.

Some students said goodbye to Griffith for the summer, others went off to conditioning for the following years' sports season, and some seniors moved away to college to become the bottom of the food chain all over again. No matter how much time passes, or how crazy the school's changes seem, everyone in the town was a Panther first.

High school isn't the same for everyone. The teachers guided the students to become better versions of themselves, showing them that hard work can go a long way if you try hard enough. Other students took the time to get to the top of their class and buckle down on homework, while others came to school simply to hang out with friends. Either way, the students, whether separately or teamed up with friends, made it through all four quarters. Although the seniors said goodbye one last time, the underclassmen were just starting their journey to become the future graduating class themselves. Either a freshman or a senior, all of the classes banded together to make it through the halls of GHS, one crazy story at a time.

OUR Dance

During the biggest dance of the year, prom, the junior and senior classes put aside their differences to dance together on the dance floor. "Prom is one of the best times of year for anyone who can actually go. It's a night of dancing with friends, great food, and the long weekend afterwards," said senior Robbie Hernandez.



Hunter Conaghan, 10



William Robinson, 11 and Kevin Wilson, 12



Nick Johnson, 12

Letters from the editors

Lauren Rotermund Editor-in-Chief



I've been going to Griffith High School for four years, I've been on the yearbook staff for three and a half of that and I can honestly say it was one of my favorite things about school. I've grown as not only a journalist, but as a person.

Being on the yearbook staff was such an honor for me. I'd always wanted to do something for my school and I'm so glad I joined and was given the opportunity to be editor. I felt so elated to be able to interact and get to know my school better. It was also nice to share the class with my friends, as it helped keep me sane when I thought the work load was ridiculous.

Yearbook helped me grow and meet new people. I'll be forever thankful for all the people who helped me through high school, and for everyone else. I fell in love with journalism writing my freshman year, but I didn't want to pursue newspaper as I felt people kept their yearbooks far after they graduated, reflecting on what people were like, and who went to school with them, even what they wore.

It's amazing to me that this is the last year that I'll ever be on staff. It makes me sad to think of all the friends that I'm leaving behind, but I definitely am looking forward to college. I'll always remember all of the memories I've made in Mrs. Collard's Journalism lab, slaving away at a computer or laughing about something one of the staffers said. It'll always be one of my favorite things about Griffith High School for many years to come.

Kersten Collins Co-Editor



I'm happy to say that I have successfully completed three years of high school at GHS. These last few years have definitely been difficult because of the rigorous courses that I was enrolled in, but somehow I always found a way to be in the greatest mood while in Mrs. Collard's class. Being on the Reflector staff is my favorite part of high school. Ever since elementary school, I've

always had a passion for writing. When I scheduled for my freshman year, journalism was the first thing that I put on my scheduling sheet. It was an awesome class that allowed me to expand on my writing and interviewing skills. Within the first month of being in journalism, I knew for sure that I wanted to join the publications staff.

I have enjoyed everything about being on staff from the beginning, and I still do. For the remainder of freshman year and all of sophomore year, I was a reporter. My job consisted of completing spreads and proofing. Although it may not seem like a lot, it did get really crazy at times, especially during the people deadline. For my junior year, I had the honor of being an editor. Not only was this an amazing privilege, but it was also an awesome experience. I love every single staff member because of their work ethic. Every one of them work together so well to get their deadlines done and they all provide a great deal of help when unexpected problems arise.

Although I love everything about being on yearbook, I'd have to say that the best part of being an editor was working with the other editor, Lauren Rotermund. Before this year, I had never said a word to her, but that all changed once we started creating the 2014-2015 yearbook. She's always making me laugh and the way we worked together this year to come up with the design for our yearbook was awesome. I'm going to miss her so much.

Colophone

Reflector Volume 74 was printed by Herff Jones at 2525 Midpoint Drive, Edwardsville, Kansas. Early yearbook orders cost \$70, but the price rose to \$85 as the year went on. Our theme was "Our Story, Our Year, Our Guide to GHS" where we gave tips and points on all about Griffith High School.

All theme pages, including end sheets, the title page, the opening, the closing, and the section dividers were designed by the three editors, Lauren Rotermund, Kersten Collins, and Alana Swopes (photography). The sections of Student Life, People, Sports, Academics, and Clubs were split up between the two main editors, Kersten Collins and Lauren Rotermund. The cover of the yearbook was designed by the editors with the help of Betty Samples, Griffith's Herff Jones yearbook representative. Samples was a huge part of the designing and completion of the yearbook. We thank her for when we struggled and she helped us through it. The story and caption font is in AHJ Syntax. The main headline font is AHJ Unitus LH and Chalkduster as the mini headline font. All three fonts were used throughout the book.

All pages were submitted using ePage and designed with Adobe InDesign CS6 and Adobe Photoshop CS6 programs. Photos were shot using digital cameras and smart phones and uploaded to the Apple Macintosh computers. Larry Titak Photography located in Schererville, Indiana shot senior and faculty photos along with club and sports group shots. Underclassmen photos were taken by Interstate Studio. Pictures were donated by photographer Jared Lipski.

The goal of this yearbook was to tell the story of Griffith High School through clever story telling and bright pictures while maintaining a positive attitude.

Lastly, the Reflector Staff would like to thank our advisor, Mrs. Collard, for her guidance and support. We sincerely appreciate her patience and encouragement she has given us throughout the year. The graduating editors will greatly miss her bubbly personality and hilarious advice she has given. We will always remember the influence she has had on us as we further our education. We wish her the best in years to come.

Alana Swopes Photography Editor



It's been one long year, and it wasn't easy going through my last year of high school. More has happened this year than it has in the last three years of my being at GHS. I joined yearbook my junior year as a photographer. I worked hard to get my skill up and to get better equipment.

Being the photo editor this year was a lot of responsibility, but seeing the end results and seeing the amazing photos that the photographers and

I took, really made it all special. The other photographers on staff this year were super amazing. Our staff could always count on us for the best photos from this year.

I had many opportunities as photo editor. My favorite was going down to Indianapolis for boys' basketball at state. It was something I didn't think I would experience in high school. It was so different from being in a regular gym, everything felt so professional.

Even though I was busy with yearbook, I still had time to be an editor for the school magazine *The Edge*. I also enjoyed my time as the editor, designing pages was something I really loved doing.

I will miss Lauren Rotermund (Steve Rogers) and Kersten Collins, at first we all didn't have the same ideas, but in the end we all got closer and we all help make an awesome yearbook.





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